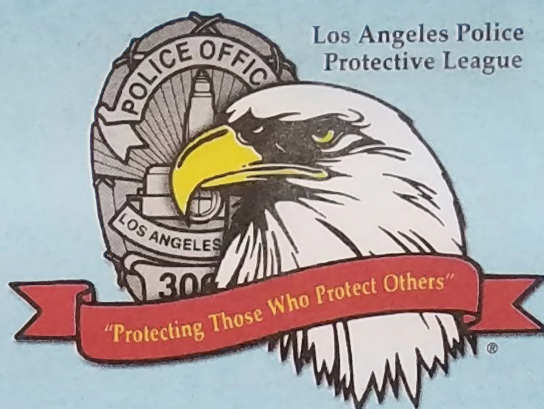


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League Delegate Mike Ventura of Hollywood Division is honored as 2002 LAPPL Delegate of the Year by Conference Chair Tim Sands.

Director Don Lint
congratulates
John Mumma as
the 2002 Defense
Representative of
the Year.



Director Don Lint awards the 2002 LAPPL Employee Representative of the Year to Delegate Paul Sciarillo of West Valley Division.



Ann Brunzell, Specialist Reserve Officer and President, LAPD Children's Support Group receives LAPPL Special Achievement Award from Director Tim Sands.

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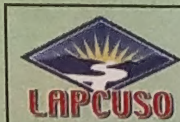
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LAPD CONTRACT APPROVED

Bob Baker, President

It may be old news by now, but I still believe it's important that we celebrate the officers' new contract, approved in August. Securing this contract, particularly in these challenging times for our state and city, was a long process for your negotiating team, but they succeeded in delivering you a competitive contract that was — almost — unanimously approved by the City Council.

Not to take away from the celebration, but we are frustrated by the fact that the lone dissenter on the contract used to be one of our own, and now seems bent on a course to intervene on all things LAPD-related, when possible. Bernard Parks voted against the contract, justifying his actions by commenting, "It's not about whether you think they deserve it. It's whether you have the money. What are you going to cut in order to make it happen?"

Martin Ludlow probably summed it up best when he said, "Angelenos are asking for this City Council to increase the police presence. If we want to get this department up to the level of staffing that is adequate, we have got to get to the heart of morale. At the end of the day, it is a pocketbook issue."

Those who went to bat for the officers of our city and challenged Parks' dissent

— including Councilmembers Ludlow, Miscikowski, Smith, Zine and Villaraigosa — should be commended for recognizing the importance of public safety to our city, and providing our officers with a competitive contract to ensure they are motivated to stay with the LAPD. The fair and honest negotiations by the representatives on behalf of the City Administrative Officer, and also the continued support of Chief Bratton and his call for the need to fairly compensate our officers, were also invaluable in achieving the terms of this contract.

As you know, the contract provides for a 2 percent raise the first year, a 3 percent raise in the second and 4 percent in the third. The contract also:

- Provides a health insurance subsidy increase of \$55 this year, \$50 next year and a further increase in 2005
- Grants a vacation day to all members with two or more years of service reached during calendar year 2003 (it will be credited on January 1, 2004), and also an additional day to those members with 10 years of service reached during calendar year 2005 (it will be credited on January 1, 2006)
- Increases uniform allocation by \$25 each year for the next three years
- The city will pick up the additional

cost increase of \$30,000 for the employee assistance program for 2003-2004

In addition to these changes, we also have tentative agreements on such issues as work schedules, family and medical leave (family illness), grievances, and administrative appeals.

The city's financial advisers supported the contract package, and it was factored into this year's budget by Mayor James Hahn — who also supported the pay increase — before the council approved it.

It's remarkable that Councilman Parks — a man who spent over 30 years in public safety here at the LAPD — doesn't understand its importance in the overall success of our city. A solid base of good public safety services and safe streets will help rejuvenate our economy, attract businesses and provide a sense of well-being to our residents. Everything starts with public safety.

To preserve this foundation, we must retain our talented officers — one way in which we will do this is by keeping pace

with competing law enforcement agencies in the county and state. Councilman Parks is well aware of the dangers and responsibilities inherent in police work, and we must adequately support our officers in their jobs as protectors of our city.

We are hoping that Parks will put aside any ill feelings he may still be harboring from last year's denial of his Chief of Police contract, and instead focus on the needs of his constituents and the city at-large. The well-being of our entire city is much more important than one man's particular views or possibly hurt feelings, and that much remain the priority.

A new emerging issue that we hope we can count on the council and city leadership's support on is in regards to detectives. As many of you know, I have been a detective with the LAPD for many years, and this issue not only con-

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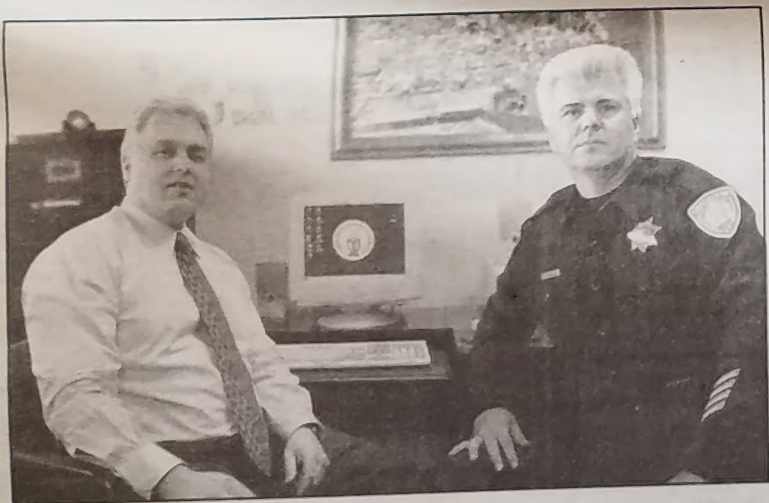
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CRYING WOLF

Mitzi Grasso, Vice President

False alarms are truly a case of crying wolf. In the responses to the more than 100,000 alarms last year, only one arrest was made.

The annual time consumed responding to false burglar alarms by LAPD officers uses up the equivalent of 41 officers' entire work years. Fifteen percent of officers' patrol time involves answering false alarms and 96 percent the calls turn out to be false alarms. While some people will argue that responding to alarm calls is "part of what we do - part of a service we provide to the general public," the volume of false alarms takes precious response time away from handling real emergencies.

Last month, the Police Commission voted 4-1 to adopt Mayor Jim Hahn's compromise alarm-response policy. Officers will be required to investigate two false alarms a year per address, then require verification for each subsequent alarm before responding. The new plan provides for alarm owners to be charged \$95 the first time police respond to a false call. A second response to a false alarm within a year costs \$145, and each subsequent response \$50 on top of that. The proposal will also toughen restrictions on alarm owners who do not have a city-required permit.

Chief Bratton echoed the thought of many officers when he said sending officers to unverified burglar alarms is a "waste of time" and that he would prefer "to get out of the business altogether." I am sure that I share the view of many people who hope that if this new policy does not result in reducing false alarms in six months, the Council and Commission will revisit the revised burglar alarm response policy, especially since the Department is significantly understaffed in comparison to the demands made on it. If our city leaders revisit the policy, I know that many people hope

that they will revise the policy and institute a system of checks and balances to verify that the calls are true emergencies. If they are, officers can respond more quickly and know that they may be dealing with a dangerous situation.

LAPD is not the only department that has called into question its alarm response policy. In 1998, the International Association of Chiefs of Police - the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives - passed a resolution stating that false alarms take "police away from real emergencies." In Las Vegas, police have adopted a policy similar to what LAPD was considering. In Vegas, officers respond only to an alarm if there is physical verification either from the property owner or alarm provider that it is a true emergency.

I am sure we can all agree that security companies should not use LAPD officers as their free patrol service. Sadly, there are many instances in which these companies' monitoring services are either outside of the city or the state, or they may not even employ their own patrol fleet.

Public Safety Budget Cuts

Last month, newspapers across the state carried the headline that the unions representing California Highway Patrol Officers and state firefighters had reached separate deals on lower raises.

The deal with the union representing CHP officers will save the cash-strapped state around \$19 million. The deal allows CHP officers to earn one extra paid day off a month in exchange for accepting a 2.7 percent raise instead of a 7.7 percent raise they were expected to get this year. State firefighters agreed to delay a 5 percent raise for one year in exchange for more paid time off.

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In the recent past, the most critical issue facing the City and LAPD was making significant changes to the structure and direction of the Department. While working on that vitally important issue, we also worked on numerous parallel issues such as getting a contract on time. All of the issues relate back to our basic mission, i.e., the purpose of the League. These things are measurable so you can see a return on your investment.

LAPD On The Mend

It wasn't all that long ago that our Department was in free fall, heading toward total collapse. Look at how far we have come in just a year. We have come from rock bottom and we are now on the road to Department success. The happiness and pride you have at work has a direct impact on happiness at home. It has to be happier at work and

we hope it has improved your home life.

It wasn't that long ago when report after report chronicled the faults of LAPD and described critical elements needed for change. But we (League) were already leading the way. Unfortunately, at the beginning of the fight, only a few people would that believe our efforts and words were sincere. Nevertheless, we were in the lead pointing out to the public, critical points such as "alarmingly low" morale at LAPD; little or no confidence in the 1.28 System; the need to restore SLO's and community policing; and the absolute need to restore Flexible Work Schedules.

We said over and over again that it was the management of LAPD that had failed and management was responsible for the sorry state of the Department. Our League was not going to allow the rank and file to be the scapegoat for bad management practices. There was an urgent need to change LAPD's direction and our refrain was:

- I. Management oversight and accountability
- II. To restore Community Policing
- III. To hire and retain the best

Today, that mantra is mainstream in the effort to rebuild LAPD. We have achieved the goals we set out to achieve. (Now there are new needs and new

goals.) Those changes came about because all of us had the courage to do what had to be done. We were leaders in driving changes in the Department and our League was our voice in the effort. LAPD is back and I believe that we will be stronger and better than ever before.

A few media outlets will always look for the worst and if they can't find anything, they'll rehash old, outdated and irrelevant stuff. But by-and-large, most of the reporters in the media greatly respect and appreciate the job that we do.

Constant vigilance is the price of just about everything. Even though we con-

sistently reach goals and make strides, there is an incessant battle from people who do not like nor appreciate all of the sacrifices we make – in other words, there are people who want to take away our hard-earned rights and privileges.

Below are two examples of parallel issues we are working on in our state legislative program and our national legislative program. They can both be measured. One of them (AB 359) is already a success. The other, (an attempt to prevent police from getting

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A True Hero

It was with much regret that I attended the funeral of U.S. Army Sgt. Evan Ashcraft, who is the son-in-law to LAPD Lt. Loren Farell, and brother-in-law LAPD Officer Corey Farell, and LAPD Police Service Rep Sarah Farell.

Sgt. Evan Ashcraft was recently killed while serving his country in Iraq. It was clear to me, after listening to all the family members that Evan Ashcraft was a true hero with a future ahead of him with the LAPD.

It was told that after he left the Army, he was going to join the LAPD. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Farell and Ashcraft families.

LAPD Honor Guard Honored

It was my honor to attend the presentation by Officer Joe Dean of Burbank P.D., who coordinates the Honor Guard for the National Police Memorial Ceremonies. The LAPD Honor Guard was recognized for giving above and beyond during the recent ceremonies.

The LAPPL and Ann Brunzell were also recognized. The LAPD Honor Guard is one of the sharpest and best around, and these cops have vested countless hours in fine-tuning their skills.

Job well done!



From left: League President Bob Baker, Officer Joe Dean of Burbank P.D., Ann Brunzell, President, LAPD Childrens Support Group, League Director Tim Sands and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell.



From left: LAPD Honor Guard members John Russo, Marianus Von Korff, Karen Smith, Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Terri Acune, Shawn Heatherington. Not pictured are Tom Tavares and Elizabeth Moore.

Legal Defense Plan and Employee Reps

I have recently been appointed Employee Rep Chairman. As such, I will be implementing training for Reps several times a year at the League.

I am working with the Department to have this training on duty. If you are an Employee Rep at your respective division, please call (213) 251-4575, to put your name on a list of training in the near future.

This entire month of September will be open enrollment for the Enhanced Legal Plan. The Plan benefits will be effective 10/1/03, for our Enhanced Legal Defense Plan.

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THE TRAIN HAS LEFT THE STATION

Luther Lutz

By the time you read this article the contract will be a done deal. I must admit that the process of negotiating a contract is a very interesting and demanding process. At times it is also unbelievable boring. It is amazing how sometimes every word or phrase has to be discussed and defined to ensure both parties understand and agree on what a word or phrase really means.

The amount of work and research that is required to put together a contract is only one part of the hurdle. The second part of the hurdle is getting the contract ratified. To accomplish this, ratification meetings were held throughout the City to inform the membership about the details of the contract and to have the proposed contract ratified. The ratification meetings went fairly well and the membership provided a variety of opinions regarding the proposed contract. After much discussion, the overwhelming majority of officers that attended the ratification meetings voted to accept the proposed contract. Their vote reflected their understanding of the economic climate that the nation and state is confronted with and realized that the pro-

posed contract was a fair contract for both them and the City.

When the ratification meetings were over I thought that the contract was a done deal, that all that we had to do is to have the City Council vote to adopt the contract. Then I learned there was still a lot of work to be done. After a few more meetings with the City's negotiators, which ranged from boring to being quite animated, the contract was finally ready to go to the City Council for approval.

This is when the contract really became interesting. As it turned out there was still work to be done to ensure the contract was adopted by the City Council. When the contract went to the City Council for approval, there were a lot of discussions with various City Council members regarding the contract and why the contract should be adopted. Since the contract is such an important issue, Bob Baker, League President, ensured all of the League Directors attended the Council meeting when the City Council was scheduled to vote on the contract.

This is where the contract process definitely changed from mundane to interesting. Before the City Council

meeting began there were some interesting dynamics going on. Everyone was going around the room looking for votes, both for and against the contract. This is where the importance of the League's efforts over the years of working with various City Council members to build good relationships became apparent. Pete Repovich, Cliff Ruff, who are the League's City Hall representatives, and Bob Baker were busy talking with various council members to ensure the contract was ratified. Ted Hunt, Tim Sands and I talked with the individuals we knew to ensure the contract would be adopted by City Council. As a result of the relationships that the League, Senior Lead Officers and the many men and women of the Department have developed with the Council members and their staff to resolve community issues, most of the Council members took a public stand endorsing the contract. They all voiced praise for the Department and expressed their support for the contract and the men and women that work so hard every day to make the City a safer place to work and live. Every Council member, except for one, publicly stated their support for the contract, which they thought was fair to both to the men and women of the police department and to the City. Almost every Council member made one statement that was repeated over and over, that it was their belief that the contract was fair for both parties and that the train had left the station and it is time to be on board. They stated that after the train has left the station that it was too

late to stand on the train platform debating the merits of whether you should get on the train. They stated that after months of negotiations between representatives of the Mayor's Office, City Administrative Office, City Attorney's Office, Police Department, and the Protective League, all parties agreed to a tentative contract that is fair for both sides and it was time to support and adopt the contract, not to try to nit pick the agreement apart.

In closing, it is interesting to note that to get any legislation passed at City Council you need at least 8 votes. In this case, the person voting against the contract could not even muster one vote from his peers. The vote was 14 to 1 in favor of the contract. Since the contract was not passed unanimously it had to come back to City Council the following week when it needed only to pass by a majority vote, which is 8 votes. The following week when it came back, it passed by a vote of 12 to 1. Obviously all the discussions the previous week did not sway the one Council member that was opposed to the contract. It is interesting that all the Council members, even the newly-elected ones, voiced their support for the men and women of the Department and voted for the contract. The only one to vote against the contract, not once but twice, was our former favorite police chief Bernard C. Parks.

Anyway, if you have any questions, please call me or one of the other League Directors at (213) 251-4554.

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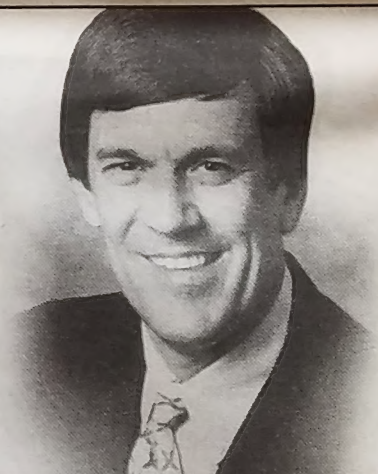
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PENSION ALERT

Cliff Ruff

On August 7, 2003, at the pension board meeting, an item was buried in the agenda that received little notice. A board member was authorized to attend a conference sponsored by the "New America Alliance," an American Latino Business Initiative.

The NAA's Pension Fund Initiative aims to promote diversity in the nation's pension fund by encouraging the following: 1) Continuing to hire, train, and promote Latinos to senior management positions throughout the organization, 2) Investing in private equity funds that focus on American Latino-owned businesses and private equity funds which are controlled by Latino general partners, 3) Renewing efforts to seek out and award business to Latino-controlled and managed investment advisors in all asset classes, 4) Representation of all shareholders on boards of directors, and 5) Utilization of Latino-owned broker dealers for both internally managed funds and externally managed funds.

"Nationally recognized leaders will deliver 'thought pieces' and NAA members and legislators will share strategies which have been effective in expending Latino collaboration with pension

funds."

What is "Latino collaboration?" It doesn't sound good. It sounds like scheme and design to get our pension funds for a social agenda.

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This conference is not open to the public. It is by "invitation only." I assume they don't want to be scrutinized or have their agenda subject to debate.

To promote diversity is good and we have emerging manager programs in our pension fund to accomplish this. To promote profiteering based on ethnicity is morally bankrupt. How long before kickbacks are offered to obtain control of our pension funds? We already have allegations of money managers being solicited for political contributions in order to maintain or obtain business

with our fund. Some prominent politicians are advocating the use of our pension funds to finance low-cost housing. Our pension fund is not for political or social agendas.

The California Constitution in Article XVI, Section 17(a) states: "The assets of a public pension or retirement system are trust funds and shall be held for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to participants in the pension or retirement system and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the system."

Pension fund investments are usually judged by their performance in relation to benchmarks established in the asset class. Generally, if your investment is beating the benchmark, it is a good sign. You are achieving your investment goals. Our allocation of monies to money managers should be based on their performance record. If they are beating the benchmark, we should stay

with them. If they can't beat the benchmark, take the money away and give it to a firm that can beat the benchmark, never forgetting the core principle of investing public funds, "the highest return with the least risk."

The bottom line is that our investment funds from our pension system should be managed by firms with a proven history of returns on investments that consistently beat the benchmark with the least amount of risk. If those firms are managed by Latinos, Asians, Blacks, or Whites...so be it. The city should not do business with any investment firm that's not diverse or doesn't promote equal opportunity. Race-based investing doesn't qualify.

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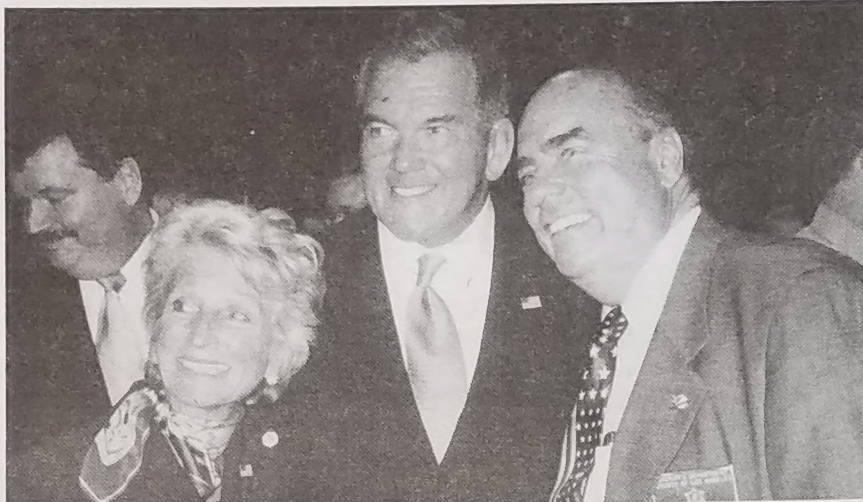
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Now suddenly we have been thrust into a not-so-pretty spotlight that is unprecedented and will have a resounding effect on the governance of California and the future of our economy.

The recall of the governor and the political process associated have put us front and center in the comedy world. The Nation is watching the circus, and all the cast of characters. This can only be good for Hollywood, but not for the image and confidence that is so important to our great state and our economy. Regardless of who's to blame for what, or if the Governor should be recalled, we have taken our eye off the ball. We won't have any winners in this one, no I take that back, political consultants will make a bundle.

One of the most entertaining aspects

of the recall vote is the number of candidates that are on the ballot, 158 as you know. I hope they all understand the importance of law enforcement officers



Congresswoman Jane Harman, Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Arthur Kassel, President, Eagle and Badge Foundation.

and how vital to the state's economy police officers are. I am sure that every candidate will proclaim they support law enforcement, and try to align themselves to the men and women through out the state who risk their lives every day.

Among the predictable candidates we have Bill Simon, Cruz Bustamante,

and the Hollywood notable Arnold Schwarzenegger. I would say all three of these candidates support law enforcement. In the 2nd and 3rd tier candidates we have *Hustler* magazine boss Larry Flint, billboard pinup Angelyne, and former *Different Strokes* actor Gary Coleman. And, let's not forget the comic/watermelon smasher (Leo) Gallagher, as well as a travel agent, a sitcom writer, a structural engineer, and a sumo wrestler.

While not all of these candidates are serious about their candidacy, a fair amount of these candidates are. That

ed. I guess to that end we will be ok. Should the recall be rejected, Governor Davis has a long history of supporting law enforcement and subsequent labor issues.

Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, who stated originally that he would not be a candidate in a recall race, has changed his position and is running hard to succeed Governor Davis if recalled. The Lt. Governor has assisted law enforcement and with first responder equipment, and has supported the families of fallen officers.

And the *Terminator*? Besides interacting with cyborgs that disguise themselves as LAPD officers in the movie trilogy, Arnold Schwarzenegger has also been a friend of law enforcement in California. Although the Arnold is still formulating his platform on key issues within the state, we are confident that he will ensure police officers and public safety serious credibility if elected.

Democrat, Republican, Independent or Cyborg, California is sure to be getting lots of national media attention. Let's hope the people of the great state of California do the right thing!

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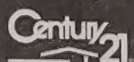
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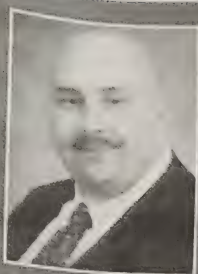
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Don and I both worked together as Defense Representatives prior to coming onto the Board. He was dedicated to doing this difficult job to the best of his ability. He, in the finest tradition of the United States Marine Corps, never retreated in his march toward getting justice for his officer.

Don was a medal of valor recipient, NAPO Top Cop, and recognized by his peers as Defense Representative of the Year. I will sorely miss him.

MOU New and Improved

The new MOU that went into effect July 1, 2003, contains new language that affects your working environment. One of the complaints we hoped to resolve was officers and supervisors being called in prior to or held over work for meetings and only receiving hour for hour. An actual example was a sergeant called in for a meeting that lasted thirty minutes. He only received the thirty minutes because it was not a supervisors

meeting. Under the old MOU the two-hour minimum covered supervisors meetings only.

In Article 6.6, all sworn employees required to attend a meeting outside their work hours will receive a minimum of two hours overtime and hour for hour after that.

The Blue Line

The work has already begun to improve the *Thin Blue Line* newspaper, as you know it. As the new Editor, I am grateful to Don Lint for all his efforts in making the *Blue line* an award-winning newspaper. Many of the improvements you will see over the next six-months are due to Don's hard work.

Helen McVay, is the Associate Editor of the *Thin Blue Line* and the person who gets the job done each month to insure we publish a quality paper. She coordinates the collection of all the content of the paper. She can be contacted at 213-251-4554 or via e-mail at blue@lappl.org.

I will meet with the Blue Line Committee to seek out their input on our efforts to improve the paper. This effort is not ours alone. Please send in any suggestions to: blue@lappl.org.

Keep this in mind

The content of the *Blue Line* includes

information submitted by members about them and their families. We will never knowingly publish any information that will jeopardize the safety of officers or their families! But please keep in mind this paper is distributed around California and the United States. Active members, retired members, community members, and even United States Senators read our paper! **Keep this in mind when you submit material to be published, including photos.**

Rest In Peace

Deputy Steve Sorensen, a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy, was slain Saturday, August 2, 2003, while investigating a routine trespassing complaint at an isolated house trailer located in the eastern Antelope Valley. The trailer turned out to contain a drug lab. Deputy Steve Sorensen was apparently shot to death at the trailer. His body was then

put into a car, driven five miles and dumped near a desert road.

Sorensen, 46, was a resident deputy for Lake Los Angeles, where he had lived for more than 12 years. An Army veteran, Sorensen had been a deputy for 12 years, and for 12 years before that was a lifeguard and emergency medical technician for the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors. As a resident deputy, he was assigned to patrol the rural area in which he lived. He is survived by his wife, Christine, and two children.

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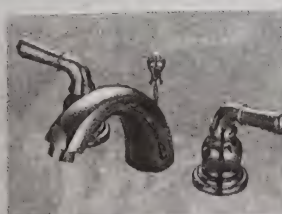
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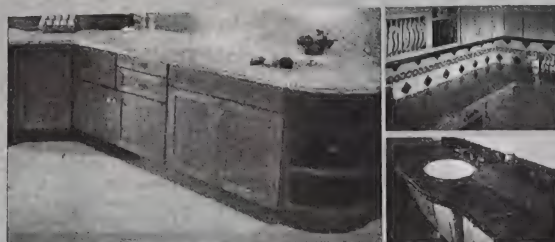
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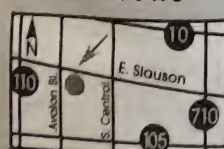
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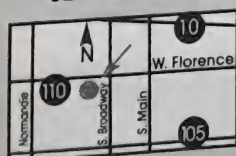
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Is the "Public Safety Statement" Being Misused?

You bring a narcotics suspect to the station for booking on narcotics charges. He has been searched, but not strip searched. He tells you he has to go to the bathroom. You take him in to the bathroom at the station. As he gets near the toilet bowl, he suddenly produces rock cocaine and tries to throw it in the toilet. You and your partner force him to the ground and recover the rock.

You book him downtown and return to the station to write the reports and book the evidence. Unknown to you, the arrestee has demanded to see the jail watch commander and is busy telling the usual story of police brutality, how he was brutally beaten up by you and your partner for "no reason at all" and, of course, then planted rock cocaine on him. Consistent with current policy, the watch commander notifies Internal Affairs, and an on-call team is rolled to your station.

You have been around this block before and you belong to the League's Enhanced Legal Plan. When IA shows up, you request your right to have a lawyer. "You have to give us a public safety statement," you are told by the

investigators.

Is this correct?

You are the only sergeant on mid-watch. You are notified by the watch commander to respond to an outside jurisdiction. One of the officers in your division has been involved in an off-duty shooting. You drive to the location of the shooting. It occurred several hours ago, and the detectives from the local jurisdiction have the crime scene roped off and are engaged in measuring and taking photographs. You contact one of their supervisors, he advises you that your officer shot an armed 211 suspect and is back at the station. The officer has given a brief statement to their detectives and is awaiting his League counsel.

You go to the station and locate the officer in one of the interrogation rooms. Are you entitled to get a public safety statement?

Where Did the "Public Safety Statement" Come From?

First of all, if you run the phrase "public safety statement" through all of the California appellate cases and all the federal appellate cases, you will not find one case that uses this phrase. So how did it find its way into the LAPD lexicon?

Significantly, it arose in a 1984 federal decision finding an exception to the requirement to Mirandize a suspect in custody. (*New York vs. Quarles*, 467 US 649)

Mr. Quarles was identified by a woman as the man who raped her. She pointed him out to a police officer and Mr. Quarles decided to exit stage right. He ran into a supermarket, but to no avail, the officer nabbed him. The officer frisked Mr. Quarles and discovered that he was wearing an empty shoulder holster. After handcuffing, the officer asked him where the gun was. Mr. Quarles stated, "the gun is over there." After the officer retrieved the loaded gun, he placed Quarles under arrest and read him his Miranda rights.

In the subsequent prosecution of Mr. Quarles for criminal possession of a weapon, the judge excluded the statement and the gun because the officer had not given respondent his Miranda warnings before asking him where the gun was located. The appellate court reversed holding that there was a "public safety" exception to the requirement that Miranda warnings be given before a suspect's answers could be admitted into evidence. After all, there was a loaded gun somewhere in that supermarket. A child could be pick it up at any moment. Furthermore, the availability of that exception did not depend upon the motivation of the individual officers involved.

So, to quote from the California Peace Officers Legal Source Book, "this exception applies when your question or questions are reasonably prompted by a concern for the safety of another person, a victim, the defendant, or the public at large, or by a concern for your own personal safety."

An Exception to Miranda Became an Exception to the Right to Representation

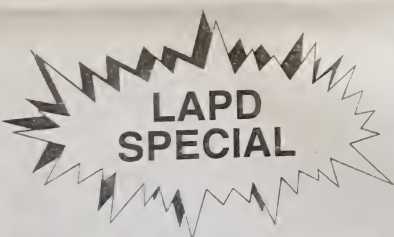
From there, it was a short step to the theory that a police officer has the duty to give certain information immediately, even if he, or she has not had time to obtain representation, when that information is vital to the protection of the public. No court, however, has ever ruled directly on this issue.

The Los Angeles Police Department Officer Involved Shooting Procedural Manual says this on page 44. (emphasis added)

"Based on research conducted by the Police Legal Advisory Committee of the California Peace Officers Association, it is their legal opinion that a law enforcement supervisor has the duty to inquire about what occurred at the scene of an officer-involved shooting. While the involved officers may invoke a right to representation as well as the right against self-incrimination regarding both the criminal and/or administrative aspects of the matter, the supervisor is entitled to certain answers to questions regarding safety issues. Typically these questions would include the number and description of outstanding suspects, location of evidence, and the direction the shots were fired."

"As a rule of thumb, questions which go to public safety and security of the scene must be answered on pain of insubordination, however, questions which go beyond those issues will have to await the officer's opportunity to consult with his or her representative if one is requested"

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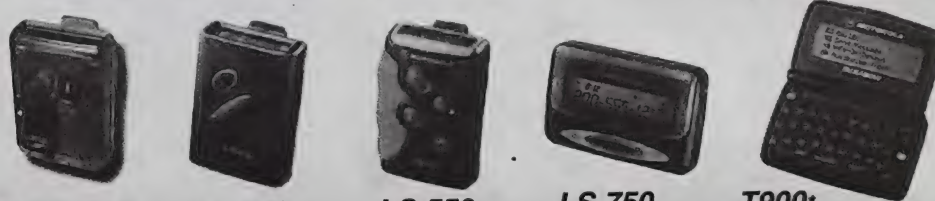
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A Message From Chief Bratton

This month, I'd like to talk about the future, both my own and the Department's. First let me say that I made a pledge when I came to Los Angeles in October of last year, to serve for at least five years and I fully intend to fulfill my commitment. I stated, on the morning I was sworn in, that I had "saved the best Department for last," and that statement rings truer the more I learn about this great organization. My commitment has only grown stronger over the past ten months due to the outstanding individuals I have met that make up the Los Angeles Police Department. Through your hard work and efforts we have come a long way in the past ten months. Crime is down, activity levels and morale have increased and there is a new energy level throughout the Department.

Over the next two months, we will conclude the reorganization process we have been involved in, and which so many of you have contributed so significantly to. At the end of October we will issue a comprehensive five-year plan of action. It will state and guide our activities to meet our goals of reducing the incidence and fear of crime, particularly gang crime, full implementation of the Consent Decree, and refining what is already turning out

to be a top-notch Counter Terrorism Bureau. You may be asking, why five years? The answer is threefold. First, we need to obtain the technology to support the changes we have made, such as the technology to improve the COMPSTAT process. Second, we need to develop and improve our forensic, ballistic and DNA capabilities. Much of this is already in the works with collaboration between our Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and Cal State L.A. to build a state of the art crime lab, scheduled to open in 2005. And third, in order to be out from under the Federal Consent Decree by the expiration date of June 15, 2006, we must meet all of the interim compliance deadlines.

This plan of action will build on the incredible foundation of talent this organization possesses, both on the street and in administrative positions, including civilian and sworn personnel. It will clearly identify our priorities and what is to be done to achieve them. It will maximize our most significant resource, our people. The plan of action will help us to develop a system to track personnel, something we are not able to do now, and will help us to deal with the "on loan" situation that often unnecessarily diverts experienced people away

from critical assignments. It will allow us to assess whether we are using all of our resources to meet our identified priorities, and will help us to get the right people in the right assignments, to achieve significant reductions in violent crime and make Los Angeles a safer place to live and work. In addition, it will clearly state what we believe are our current capabilities and capacities, while making a strong case for additional resources.

Although this plan appears to focus on the sworn component of the Department, it will also allow us to assess civilian support assignments as well. As in all police organizations, civilian colleagues are sometimes overlooked, but our seriously understaffed civilian personnel (we have almost 800 civilian vacancies) are truly the glue that holds this Department together. From what I have observed and fully appreciate, our civilian workforce is an integral and valuable resource that provides critical support to the sworn members of the Department.

On the issue of response time, we will be working to staff up our patrol forces and Detective Bureau to meet our 7/40 staffing standard. This staffing standard translates to a 7-minute average response for a priority three call for service, along with an average of 40 percent of a patrol officer's time being available for proactive police work. This assumes that 60 percent of officer's time will be spent answering calls, making arrests, and doing paperwork. To help achieve this staffing standard is where the reorganization of Detectives comes into play. We need to get the Detectives to the

crime scenes as quickly as possible in order to relieve patrol officers and to get them back proactively patrolling the streets. By assigning a larger number of detectives to nights and weekend shifts, we also expect to increase our arrest and clearance rates. Detectives, like uniformed cops, need to be assigned when and where crime is occurring.

In looking back over the past ten months, I'll be the first to admit that unfortunately things have not always worked out the way I would have liked. We suffered some setbacks during the budget process with the City Council, including the delay in hiring 320 more officers, and we are still in the business of responding to false alarms, but even with these setbacks, I feel the opportunities here at the LAPD are greater than in any other police department that I have been associated with.

I believe in what we are doing as a Department, and that the police can make a difference in the lives of everyone that lives, works and visits this City. We are not the solution, but we are a major catalyst. I have come to understand the great pride and the great devotion all of you have for this Department. Now is the time for us to seize the opportunity and work collectively to make the LAPD the kind of place we all want it to be, and know it can be. Working together over the next five years we can reach Mayor Hahn's goal to make Los Angeles the safest large city in America. If I were a betting man, my money would be on you – the men and women who proudly serve and represent the best police department in the country.

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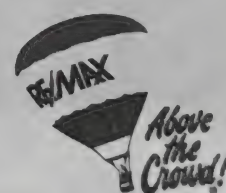
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cerns me personally, but also because the League represents the interests of our detectives, and wants to ensure their rights and needs are preserved.

It goes without saying that our detectives work hard and do what they can with the restraints placed on them. They are overloaded with paperwork to the point that it stalls their investigative work, and their schedules must oftentimes mirror other branches of city and county government with whom they work.

In light of this, we have detectives working both day and night – not the 9 to 5 shift that has been characterized – to keep the residents of our city safe and catch the criminals who inflict harm upon them. With a very thin blue line, the LAPD is often faced with the daunting task of doing more with less.

This summer, many meetings and discussions have taken place between the Detective III's, the Command Staff, the Chief and the League, to reorganize the detectives in the best way to suit both them and their investigative needs, as well as the overall operations of the

Department and the demands dictated by the community.

We had many concerns about the revisions being made to the detectives' tables and schedules, and the relative lack of communication that initially was occurring as these changes were being implemented. We wanted to make sure the detectives played an active role in the implementation of the revisions, and the changes' impact on public safety was kept front of mind at all times.

I'm glad to report that, through numerous meetings with Chief Bratton and through the continued efforts – and

patience – of our D-III's, and D-IV's, their concerns are being considered as detective reorganization is proceeding. We hope the changes will ultimately improve the efficiency of the detective operations by providing them with adequate support to be successful in their jobs, and we also hope public safety will be served.

Because our detectives' resources are limited, and their caseloads high, in the interest of public safety, we must be sure that any changes that are made to their operations are carefully considered and strategically implemented.

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While the budget ax is falling on police and firefighters throughout the state, I want to take a moment to thank the League's negotiating team for working so diligently to obtain a good contract for the rank and file. I'm delighted that the LAPPL managed an incredible achievement in getting a total of 9% over the next three years, which as you all know, should be considered difficult at best in these current economic

times. As many of you know from attending the ratification meetings, the League also obtained two extra days of vacation. I know a lot of you have come to the Board and expressed concerns about the high costs of healthcare. Well, this new contract provides a greater contribution for the health insurance subsidy. The contract is a good deal for everyone and I hope you are all as pleased as I am – I take my hat off to the great negotiating committee.

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paid overtime) is clearly visible and we are still fighting to ensure a victory for us. This is all about delivering results.

Why do I keep going over and over this? It is like playing sports or anything else in life. You have to continually go back to the basics and do "First Things First." That's why even pro baseball teams warm up with basic drills, and so do basketball teams, hockey teams, etc. Concert pianists warm up with the basics – scales. Business leaders do the same thing – review the basics – mission, goals and measurable-meaningful results. Let's apply the basics and look at the case of work permits.

Work Permits

BACKGROUND

Living in California is very expensive and most officers find it necessary to work a part time job. That means we have to get permission from LAPD. We need a "work permit" in order to work an off-duty job. We all understand and recognize that some jobs inherently conflict with police work and therefore an officer cannot be employed in one of those venues.

PROBLEM

Frequently, LAPD managers deny work permits for arbitrary, capricious and/or vindictive and punitive reasons. Doing so is unethical, unreasonable, irrational, unacceptable, and on January 1, 2004, it will be illegal.

SOLUTION

We sponsored and passed a law in Sacramento (measurable result) that prevents managers from denying work permits unless there is a good reason why. We sponsored and passed AB 359 (Koretz D-Los Angeles) legislation which requires a written explanation of why a work permit was denied. The reason for a denial must be based on existing law, department regulation or the Memorandum of Understanding. The bill was passed on a vote of 77 to 0 in the Assembly; passed 31 to 9 in the Senate and Gov. Davis signed it into law.

This is very important legislation for all officers and their families, all of those who have ever suffered because some "command" person got a wild hair and used the work permit system as a form of economic terrorism in order to take it out on the officer and the officer's family (meaningful result).

The idea for this legislation came from a member of the League. Right now, we are gathering ideas for legislation for next year. If you have any ideas for legislation that would help to resolve a work related problem such as this, please email me at tedhunt@lappl.org

Now, let's look at the case of a concerted attempt by the U.S. Labor Depart-

ment to take away overtime from workers including police officers and fire fighters. This is something we are actively working to stop. The first part of the mission of the Legislative Committee is to **stop legislation that harms members of the League**. Taking away your overtime would do serious harm.

Dept of Labor Tries To Cancel Overtime

BACKGROUND

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) was passed in 1938. It provided that nearly all workers, including police officers and fire fighters, are entitled to get paid overtime.

PROBLEM

The Bush Administration's Labor Department has created changes to FLSA which, if they go through, will eliminate your eligibility to earn overtime. They are trying to change the regulations to exempt and eliminate you from the right to earn overtime.

The new rules regarding overtime were first proposed on March 31, 2003. It would allow law enforcement executives to "exempt" certain people from overtime, including all officers earning more than \$65,000 a year if the officer has "even a single identifiable executive, administration of professional function regardless of rank." All sergeants and supervising detectives would be precluded from the right to earn overtime.

SOLUTION

We are working with the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), our two national organizations, to stop this. Someday, we may need you to write a letter to your congress member in order to protest this proposed change and urge him/her to vote against this. We'll keep you posted.

In summary, our League can be viewed as our investor-owned business. You should look for results and the return on your investment. We have clearly achieved specific, measurable - meaningful goals. We have achieved goals that matter. We have gone from the bottom of the big agency's pay chart and now we are one of the best paid agencies.

Now that LAPD is on the road to recovery, we all need to focus on our professionalism in order for us to resume our premier position as THE most respected police agency. Pay is vitally important but so is happiness at work and pride in the Department. That will take individual, personal and collective sacrifices. I am confident that we are all making those sacrifices today. That is what being an LAPD officer is all about.

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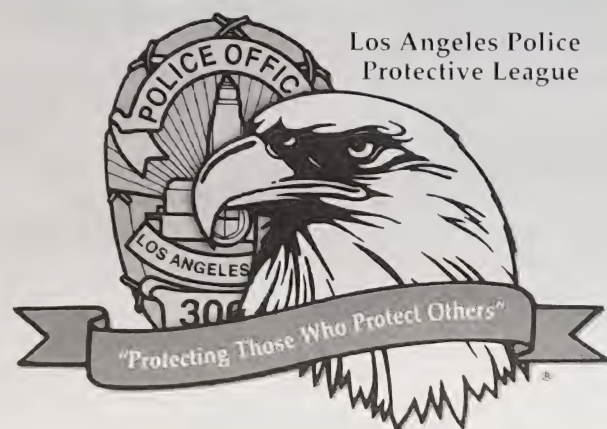
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In the Notice from the Chief of Support Services dated February 27, 2003, it states "Supervisors are reminded that they shall obtain a public safety statement from the involved officers upon their arrival at the scene of a Categorical Use of Force."

This was expanded on in Special Order No. 19, dated May 22, 2003. It requires the obtaining of a public safety statement, stating "the first supervisor at a use of force needs certain information immediately to secure the scene, ensure necessary medical treatment is provided, and facilitate the search for any outstanding suspects and/or weapons. This type of information, known as a "public safety statement," must be obtained quickly from as many officers as necessary to identify immediate public safety concerns." (Emphasis added)

It is the necessity of obtaining **immediate** information necessary for public safety that overrides the right to representation. Once immediate public safety is no longer an issue, the right to representation floods back in.

Therefore, in our two examples at the beginning of this article, there is no right to demand a public safety statement from the officer. In the first instance, an unarmed scuffle with no outstanding suspects does not endanger the public. In the second instance, the crime scene and suspects were all under control. Again, no immediate information was needed to safeguard the public, protect evidence, or apprehend outstanding suspects.

The officers in both situations are justified in refusing to make any statement until representation arrives.

How to Do It Wrong

The following presumes that you like cops and think they do their human best in most situations. It assumes that you are not trying to get them in trouble and believe that the investigation into uses of force should respect everyone's rights and strive for accuracy. If that is not how you think, then mentally retitle this section "How to Do it Right."

A Categorical Use of Force incident (usually a shooting) results in an adrenalin dump that throws the body and

mind of the involved officer for a loop. We have all seen it. Shaken up, wired, out of it, numb, basket case, are all words used at one time or another to describe an officer caught up in this type of situation. The worst thing that you can do as a first responding supervisor is come up to an officer in this state and ask "what happened?"

The only thing you can be sure of in the torrent of words that are likely to follow such a question is that the story will be inaccurate. That is the human reality.

The Consent Decree reality is that you will be interviewed on tape by CIID investigators as to what the officer told you. Your tape recorded interview will be transcribed and eventually given to everyone that wants a piece of the officer, or the city. So, your open inquiry has created a statement that is the product of your interpretation of what you remember being said to you, while in your own excited state, by an emotionally unbalanced individual still under the influence of powerful drugs manufactured by the body.

Hopefully, you also enjoy depositions and testifying in court because it is likely that you will be the tool of whichever set of lawyers who need your statement to establish conflict with the final investigation, or the target of every set of lawyers who need to discredit you and your statement to advance their side of the case. Not to mention miscellaneous internal affairs interviews and Boards of Rights appearances. As an added bonus, there might even be Grand Jury testimony and testimony against the officer in criminal court, depending on the level of media hype.

Or, you could do it right.

How to Do It Right

Two words. Brevity and focus.

Keep in mind why you are getting a "public safety statement." It is for the SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC. Not so that you can be the one to spellbind staff officers throughout the rest of the night with the inside story of "what happened." Usually, they will find out what really happened when the investigation is completed and will remember you as the idiot that had it all wrong.

The underlying theme of the public safety statement is the overwhelming need to have certain information imme-

diately. A need so powerful that it defeats the officer's right to representation. Logically, you do need to know certain information to catch the suspects, locate injured persons and protect evidence. The League has simplified this for you. We printed it on a plastic card to carry in your wallet. It is on the flip side of the POLICE OFFICER'S RIGHTS card. Just read the card. Let's go over each section.

1. Officer, I am ordering you to give me a public safety statement. Due to the immediate need to take action, you do not have the right to wait for representation before answering these limited questions.

Many officers think that they have the right to representation when being asked questions by a supervisor. This statement is designed to inform the officer that this is an exception to the general rule. It also justifies the need for the public statement by pointing out the immediate need to take action.

2. In what direction did you fire rounds?

This will give you an indication of where to look to see if there are any injuries to anyone caused by stray bullets.

3. If you know of anyone who is injured what is his location?

Obviously, you will want to make sure that aid was rendered.

4. If there are any outstanding suspects, (a) what is their description? (b) what is their direction of travel? (c) how long have they been gone? (d) what crimes are they wanted for? (e) what weapons are they armed with?

All the information necessary to put out a crime broadcast and catch those bad guys.

5. If there is any evidence that needs to be protected, where is it located?

The information that you need to protect the crime scene.

6. Officer, to preserve the integrity of this investigation, I order you to NOT discuss this incident with ANYONE including other supervisors or staff officers, prior to the arrival of the assigned investigators, with the exception of your legal representatives.

This protects the officer from those supervisors and staff members who have "just got to know" what happened. This is not the time for the officer to launch

into a series of war stories for the entertainment of passersby. In fact, the Consent Decree requires the separation of the officers and the assignment of "Sergeant Babysitters" to stay with the involved officers until the interviews of CIID are started.

Notice that most of the questions can be answered with one or two words. These questions address the public safety issues. You do not need, and are not entitled, to know anything else. The rest is for CIID.

Many years ago, a wise training officer pointed out to me that if I always carried the Admonition of Rights card, and always read it to the suspect, my court testimony would always be easy. Try as they would, defense lawyers could not trip me up on the stand since my questions to the suspect were always the same and I could bring out my card and read it in front of the jury. Nothing to remember, but the short answers of the suspect. The same advice is valuable for the public safety statement. Hours later when you are being interviewed on tape by CIID, think how simple the interview will be when you pull out the card and read each question into the record, followed by the simple, short answers of the officer. Think how hard it will be for that plaintiffs lawyer to attack your testimony. And best of all, brevity and focus will mean accuracy. You serve the interests of both the Department and the officer.

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By the way, if you are a supervisor and you are summoned back to the OIS scene to give the investigators an interview on the public safety statement, **hear warning bells.** You are going to be questioned about more than public safety statements. All of your actions as a first responding supervisor are going to be placed under a microscope. You better be familiar with Special Order 19. For some reason, many supervisors submit to these interviews with no representation. You have the right to representation. Use it. The career you save may be your own.

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for the outpouring of support and generosity that I have received from the Los Angeles Police Department following the death of my husband, Det. Abiel "Abe" Barron, #24314. This has been an unimaginably difficult time, which is made worse because Abe's best friend and partner was severely injured in the accident. My husband spoke with me of the dangers associated with his career, and he spoke with me about what to expect should anything happen to him. He assured me that I would be taken care of by his LAPD family. I wish to thank each and every one of you for embracing Lauren and me during this time. I have been greatly comforted by your concern, your kindness, and your memories of my husband.

Abe was in many ways a simple, uncomplicated man. He was hard working, methodical and dedicated to his career. His life was driven by his values. He held the greatest esteem for those who were willing to be accountable and responsible. He was generous, loving and thoughtful. He thoroughly enjoyed his camping and golfing adventures with his buddies, and we shared many moments of laughter and fun with the TMF club. He loved a good debate, a good joke and an ice-cold MGD. He was proud of his career and his contributions to the organization and the greater community. Yet, he was also looking forward to retirement in a few years and had begun making plans for our future. The last few years of his career had brought him great satisfaction. At Northeast Division he was again able to pursue assignments that matched his talents. He was reunited with his dear friends, Andy Teague and John Berdin. He loved "the guys" at the homicide table, and he always spoke of his great respect for and appreciation of the line officers. He was passionate about "catching the bad guys," because he understood the many ways that "the bad guys" hurt good people. Because he cared so deeply for his own family, he understood the devastation that affected families who were victims of violence. He was a patriot who loved his country. He had on his desk a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt that, I think, illustrates his values and his commitment to the Los Angeles Police Department:

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

I want to extend my thanks to Chief Bratton and the other command officers who immediately went to the scene of the accident. I am grateful for the time that Chief Bratton spent with me and for allowing me to speak to him about my

husband. I am thankful to Police Officer Holly Capra, R.N., Officer Steve Hillman, Police Chaplain and his wife, Rose, for lending me emotional support and for assisting with all the arrangements. I would like to thank the dignitaries who spoke and who were present at the funeral ceremony. Abe loved the rituals and traditions that are associated with the profession. I would like to extend heartfelt appreciation for the special contributions made by each participant in the ceremony, especially the mounted police unit, the air support unit, the motorcycle officers who rode in the procession, the bag piper, the honor guard and the flag detail. Thanks to the members of the Los Angeles Fire Department for the stunning flag display. I am so grateful to the peace officers who stood outside on that very hot day. Your presence inside and outside the chapel lent me so much support on that day when we all joined together to bid farewell and pay tribute to my husband. Thanks to each organization and individual who so generously sent donations to the family and floral arrangements. Words are inadequate to convey the depth of my gratitude.

Abe told me that if anything ever happened to him that I could count on your support, and he was absolutely correct. Thank you for supporting Lauren, our family, and me. Thank you for your prayers and condolences. Please keep the Teague family in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Ann-Marie Barron

Dear Editor:

On July 3, 2003, my brother, Det. Abiel ("Abe") Barron, LAPD, received a distinguished farewell befitting royalty at Rose Hills Memorial Park (Whittier, California). For the family, it is now a special memory that helps to ease the pain of our great loss.

I write this letter specifically to give our sincere thanks to the many fellow men and women in blue who attended Abe's funeral to pay him tribute. To have so many uniformed officers come to show their respect and love for a fallen comrade made us very proud. It was a terribly hot, scorching summer's day, but you all came, and your presence comforted our broken hearts.

Abe was very proud of being a policeman, and he loved his work with a passion. Though his hours were long and the job demanding, he thought of himself as a very lucky guy. He may have been a stranger to many of you in life, but having had a glimpse of Abe's life and the lives he touched, I hope it will inspire you all to carry on.

One of my brother's favorite people was President Teddy Roosevelt, and on his desk Abe kept a quote from Roosevelt that goes like this:

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Now may you ponder these words that

meant so much to Abe, and may they instill within you a determination to continue the dedicated and courageous work of men and women just like my brother.

By honoring Det. Abe Barron, LAPD, you have honored his family, and we are forever grateful.

We pray that God be with you and that He keep you from harm's way.

On behalf of the Barron family, we remain

Very sincerely yours,
Magda L. Barron

Dear Bob Baker:

I awoke this past Thursday with anxious anticipation, for this was a day of joy when I would be sworn in as a lieutenant. Having not even taken my uniform out, the doorbell rang at 0600 hours and the thoughts of who it could possibly be escaped me.

Opening the door, there stood a sergeant from the Army in full dress uniform. Being a Vietnam vet, it was like being struck by a lightning bolt as I realized there was only one reason for her presence: to announce to my daughter that either her husband was badly wounded or worst yet died in Iraq. At first, she would not tell me, but finally nodded with tears in her eyes when I asked if she "was here for what I thought."

My son-in-law, Evan Ashcroft, a young man of 24 who wanted to join our Department upon his anticipated November discharge, had died in a rocket attack with two other brave soldiers.

Here it is two days later and my daughter is still in a fog, having understandable pain and difficulty refusing to

believe this could happen to the man she loved and hoped to start a life again after his discharge.

A short time later I contacted one of the lieutenants at work and his concern ran deep. His immediate offer of help or anything to either family members or myself was heartfelt. I hadn't hung up the phone but 20 minutes when I received my first call and genuine offer of assistance from the Department. On the phone was Chief Bratton himself. Not a chief speaking to a subordinate, but one concerned human being to another. His thoughts, offer of assistance of any type, condolences, and efforts at all of these was sincere and deep. Not even knowing the Chief clearly indicated to me that he was checking on the welfare of a member of our Department. Both my appreciation and my family's is from our heart.

Over these past few days the Chief was only one of many who called, came to the door, or sent flowers. All ranks, from Deputy Chief to officers throughout the Department call either myself or my son, Corey, who works at Southwest.

I guess as I ramble on during a very sad time for us is the point is what I'm trying to say is that our Department's family was there. They were there immediately, overwhelmingly, and at the same time out of sight when necessary, but ever ready. The pride I feel reminds me of the "old Department" and the way we helped each other.

Here I write this still not knowing when Evan will be returned to his final resting place. The Army is helpful and working quickly to get things done.

I think what I'm trying to say is that

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END OF WATCH



NAME: George W. Williams #4781
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Juvenile
BORN: July 29, 1925
APPOINTED: July 1, 1947
RETIRED: September 12, 1969
DIED: June 30, 2003

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NAME: Howard E. Smith #2809
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Headquarters
BORN: February 10, 1916
APPOINTED: April 13, 1942
RETIRED: July 30, 1971
DIED: July 6, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ignacio C. Salseda #4077
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Jail Division
BORN: June 6, 1922
APPOINTED: April 15, 1946
RETIRED: March 17, 1974
DIED: July 12, 2003

NAME: Raymond E. Sifling #13745
RANK: Police Officer III+I
ASSIGNED TO: Metro
BORN: April 10, 1940
APPOINTED: December 31, 1967
RETIRED: March 16, 1996
DIED: July 22, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ralph E. Kelly #3506
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Public Affairs
BORN: April 23, 1921
APPOINTED: July 22, 1946
RETIRED: September 7, 1971
DIED: July 28, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: James Gokchoff #3444
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Valley
BORN: September 1, 1918
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: June 12, 1963
DIED: August 2, 2003

Letters to the Editor

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the Army is appreciated, but our Department is there not only to "get things done, but make it happen." The offer of an honor guard, officers wanting to attend the funeral and assistance has been wonderful and helps in easing pain that will be present for a long time. My entire family appreciates the warmth, love, and care shown by so many. I want all to know we have a lot to be proud of from our Department and the personnel that work there.

I like to believe Evan somehow knows that the Department he wanted to join was there for him as if he belonged. They surely were and still are.

For this, my family, Evan's family, and most of all I say thank you, to you all. I am so saddened at the moment, but so very proud.

Loren Farell
Lieutenant
Rampart Division

Dear Detective Baker:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you and the entire Board of Directors for your generous support of Operations - South Bureau personnel during a recent task force operation in 77th Street Area.

As you are well aware, this region of the city has consistently posed significant enforcement challenges to the Department, particularly given the presence of the many violent gangs that prey upon innocent members of the community. On July 2, 2003, we sought to respond to this challenge by coordinating one of the largest and most comprehensive search and arrest warrant task force operations in recent memory. I am pleased to report that this effort was an unqualified success. This was but the first of what will be many such initiatives we believe will help return these neighborhoods back to the people who deserve to live in peace.

The success of this endeavor was not only measured by the number of key arrests that were made, but also more importantly by the overwhelmingly positive response we received from those who live and work in the areas in which we focused this strategy. Our accomplishments were also made possible through your willing partnership. The refreshments you provided for the hundreds of Department personnel who participated in this operation were an essential element of this important endeavor. The assistance you offered was particularly noteworthy given the difficult weather conditions that day and did much to meet the physical needs of those involved.

I am truly grateful that you and the Protective League responded in such a benevolent way. Please also be assured of my wholehearted support in all matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,
William J. Bratton
Chief of Police

Earl C. Paysinger, Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Operations - South Bureau

Re: Sgt. Marty Yturalde, #6632

Dear Ted:

Thanks much to you and the League. Marty and his family appreciate your thoughtfulness. As you know, Marty had a stroke in January of this year and has

been bedridden ever since. Marty worked Metro in the late '50s and '60s, made Sergeant and went to 77th. Marty returned to Metro for his last ten plus years.

If any Metro guys who remember Marty would drop him a line, it would be greatly appreciated. He's in the "Fire and Police" retired book (next to last page). He is alert but is unable to speak at this time.

Thanks again,
Kevin R. Casey
Retired LAPD

Dear Editor:

On November 6, 2002, I became very ill with pancreatitis. I was hospitalized for nearly six-and-a-half months with this potentially life threatening disease and in a coma for almost the first month of my hospital stay.

While in the hospital, I needed several blood transfusions. I contacted Sgt. Ben Lee at Valley Traffic Division and told him of my need for blood. Ben coordinated two separate blood drives which resulted in more than a sufficient amount of blood for my use. In fact so many Los Angeles Police Department family members responded to the blood drives that the hospital was overwhelmed by the response which filled up their blood bank. Thank you, Ben, for doing that for me.

I am also very thankful for the medical attention that I received from the doctors and nurses at the Kaiser Hospital in Panorama City and the hospital at UCLA.

During my lengthy hospital stay, which included two surgeries, many members of this Department, active and retired, took the time to either visit me or telephone me, many on a regular basis. It really meant a lot to my family and me that so many people took time out of their day to stop by and say hello.

I am very grateful to all those folks who donated blood, stopped by for visits, sent cards, telephoned, and especially for the prayers that were offered for me.

I especially want to thank my wife, Ann, my daughters, Stacy and Lauren, and my son-in-law, Mike, for being there for me. They were at the hospital usually all day, every day, including while I was in a coma. I am truly blessed with a loving family and great friends.

God bless you and your families and remember to take the time to stop and smell the roses.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Larry Taylor, #21830
Valley Traffic Division

Dear Paul:

Last month I was flipping through the July issue of *The Thin Blue Line* and enjoying your column entitled "Let's Roll," when I came across a segment you wrote regarding gay and lesbian domestic partner protections. A resounding THANK YOU for your inclusiveness and diversity in assisting my community by pointing out an important legal resource that is available.

I would encourage any officer who has a stake in such matters to monitor current Assembly Bill 205, the "Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act," authored by Assemblymember Goldberg, D-Los Angeles. The bill has passed the Assembly and is currently in the Senate for consideration. If the governor signs it, the bill will provide further protections for domestic partners that are registered with the state of California. I would like to remind members

that simply registering as domestic partners with the city of Los Angeles will not afford them the rights granted by AB205, nor the fourteen other protections that the state offers. Partners who are registered with the city should also register with the Secretary of State to benefit. Information on how to do so can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site, www.ss.ca.gov.

I also thought it would be a perfect time to announce the Department's newest employee organization, Gay and Lesbian Law Enforcement Professionals (G.A.L.L.E.P.). We formed for the same reasons that other employee organizations have: to further the goals of our members, assist in training and education and to provide a support network. Any sworn or civilian member of the Los Angeles Police Department may participate, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We join the ranks of LaLey, OJB, LAWPOA, and LEAAP in assuring that our issues are properly addressed and that a resource exists should the need arise.

If anyone would care to learn more about G.A.L.L.E.P., they can e-mail me at lapdgallep@aol.com or phone me at West Los Angeles Detective Division, (310) 575-8441.

The Department also has a LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community liaison officer in place to address that community's concerns involving the Department. The officer is Kristi Nielson, and she can be reached at Community Relations, (213) 485-4101.

Thanks again to the League,
Det. Stacey Simmons
President
Gay and Lesbian Law Enforcement Professionals

Dear Bob and Tim:

Last night, upon arriving home, I discovered a voice message from Sgt. Tom Dawson (Officer Representation Section). To my delight, Sgt. Dawson's message advised me that I had won my Administrative Appeal.

To briefly recap: In August of 2000, I was the subject of a personnel complaint (1.28) alleging that I allowed a subordinate to submit an overtime slip to which he was not entitled (the Department charged me with two counts of misconduct). The Department conveniently

overlooked the fact that I was on a day off and another supervisor signed the overtime slips; but it is a long story.

February, 2001, my commanding officer (C. G. Roper, under the Parks system of discipline) decided to downgrade me from a Sgt.-II (with Hazard Duty Pay) to a Sgt.-I and transfer me out of the Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit to a patrol division in the Valley. After being served with the 15.2 Notice for Administrative Transfer and Reduction in pay grade, I met with Bob Baker (then Vice President of the LAPPL). Bob puts me in contact with Silver Hadden and Silver and I became a petitioner in the case of *Arteaga, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*.

June, 2001, I undergo a spinal fusion for an ICD injury.

May, 2002, with my IOD running out, my back still a long way from healing, both the city doctors and my private physician stated that I would not be able to return to police work.

May 9, 2002, nine days prior to my official retirement date, I attend my Board of Rights. The board votes a unanimous, directed verdict, of "not guilty" on count #2. (Note: Prior to the BOR, the Department Advocate, on a white paper fact sheet to the Chief of Police, has count #1-the most serious charge—summarily dismissed.)

Sometime early 2003, Silver, Hadden & Silver (with LAPPL funding and support) at the California Supreme Court wins *Arteaga, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*.

July 16, 2003, I attend my Administrative Appeal Hearing (from what I hear, I am the first one under the new system), and the rest is history.

It is with my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks that I say "thank you" to the both of you. My reputation and honor have been restored (not to mention my rightful pay grade).

I am so very grateful to the LAPPL and all of the Directors for helping me during this very difficult time in my career. Retirement has just become so much sweeter. Again, THANK YOU!

One last thing—to any officer who is not a member of the League, join now!

Sincerely,
Mr. Jan Bonner, #17939
Sergeant II, Retired

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

If I seem to be spending a lot of time lately talking about the state budget (or lack thereof), it's mainly because it's the biggest game in town, where the stakes for our members are the highest! I'll cover some of the key policy issues later in this article, which are also very important to League members, but the League's primary legislative mission is to protect your jobs, your salaries and benefits in the wake of this fiscal hurricane.

Each party of each house and the governor all have "their" version of the budget. Two members, Assembly Members Democrat Joe Canciamilla and Republican Keith Richman have even agreed on a "bipartisan budget," which only needs 52 more votes to pass. (I don't mean that to sound facetious, as these two members actually produced a very thoughtful work product.) In this article, I want to focus on the budget cuts to public safety and local government. The League has been working closely with the city for an end budget

result that saves public safety and spares local government disproportionate cuts.

State funding for local government represents *less than one percent* of state general fund expenditures. Based on this figure and the governor's May revise, if local government were cut *in proportion* to the other budget items, then the proportionate cut to local government would be approximately \$130 million. Except for the budget proposed by the Assembly Republicans, which makes *no cuts to public safety or local government*, other versions of the budget impose far greater cost shifts to local governments—ranging between \$525 million to over \$2 billion. Under the worst case budget scenario, funding for as many as 20,000 police and deputy sheriff positions and 25,000 firefighter positions could be eliminated! Obviously, with that kind of downside risk, budget issues become the number one priority!

All the Workers' Compensation bills are going to be sent to a two-house conference committee, including our cosponsored AB 968 (Correa), which deals with a bio-terrorism presumption for public safety. There is a lot of ongoing discussion about limiting health care

and legal costs. The League will actively oppose any reductions in worker benefits, including limiting "4850" benefits. In all likelihood, I think that the workers' comp "deal" will become part of a larger budget "deal" at the end of the day.

The Speaker's Commission bills are still moving through the process. We have been able to neutralize several bills, but AB 1077 (Wesson, D., Los Angeles) still causes us problems, and we continue to oppose the measure. AB 1077 expands the ways a citizen can file a complaint against a peace officer to include mail, electronic mail or fax, and provides it can be filed at a place that is not a law enforcement location, such as a public library.

Filing a complaint against a peace officer is a very serious matter. While we have no conceptual problem with expanding either the ways or the places someone can file a complaint against a peace officer, in its current form, AB 1077 poses some serious problems for both the individual officers and the department. Under AB 1077, a person can anonymously fax or e-mail a complaint against a peace officer from a public library and, under current law, these complaints must be investigated and a record of the complaint must be put in the officer's personnel file, even if the complainants never identify themselves and even if the complaint is totally fictitious. It's pretty clear that this bill could lead to great mischief, waste enormous department resources in trying to track down these complaints, and is fundamentally unfair to our officers.

We have repeatedly asked the author, Mr. Wesson, to amend his bill so that complainants identify themselves by name, address, and phone number or provide some other reasonable way or identification so departments can reasonably investigate their complaint. *How fair is it to allow any public servant to have anonymous, non-meritorious complaints filed against them and have these complaints kept forever in their personnel files?*

While current law authorizes departments to eliminate complaints after five years, none of them do so. The League supported legislation several years ago to allow an officer to have all unfounded and frivolous complaints removed from your personnel file, but these complaints are still retained in other department files. To protect the officers, all frivolous and unfounded complaints (complaints with no foundation in fact, or no violation of law or policy) should be removed from all department files after a reasonable period of time.

The League is also actively supporting SB 440 (Burton), a binding arbitration "fix" proposed in light of the Supreme Court's decision in the *Riverside* case. SB 440 proposed to give local government (either the city or county) the final say in binding arbitration by allowing the local government entity the ability to veto an arbitrator's award by unanimous vote. This addresses an issue

raised by the court in that it returns the final say over an employee contract to the city or county as appropriate. SB 440 was heard in the Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee and received unanimous bipartisan support despite the active opposition of local government.

Finally, I have some good news. AB 359 (Koretz, D., West Hollywood) has reached the governor's desk, and it is expected the governor will sign this measure. AB 359 closes the loophole in existing law by allowing a public safety officer to engage in off-duty employment. It will also require that the specific reasons for a denial by a public safety department of a request to work off-duty by an officer be specifically laid out in writing contemporaneously with the denial.

Generally, police and sheriff's departments permit officers to work off duty, subject to department rules or subject to a Memorandum of Understanding with the employees bargaining unit. However, there is no specific statutory authorization for a peace officer to "moonlight" or work more than one job unless the officer is employed in part-time employment as a private security guard or patrolman by a private employer.

This legislation will ensure that the officer is authorized to engage in off-duty employment except in situations where written departmental regulations or policies specify otherwise, or subject to the terms and conditions laid out in an MOU between the employer department and the employee's union.

Until next time, stay safe!

Budget Update

At 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, after having been in session over 27 straight hours, the Assembly finally concurred in the Senate's version of the budget by a 56-22 vote, and sent the massive \$100 billion package to the governor for signature. The governor announced he will sign the budget on Saturday, August 2nd.

There were no new taxes in this budget although there were numerous fee increases, the most significant of which was the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) increase which will triple in October. For the most part, this was a "Republican" budget in that the enormous \$38 billion deficit was balanced without new tax revenues. Instead, this budget relied on cuts, tax shifts, and heavy borrowing. Considering the bleak picture we faced in January when Governor Davis proposed his 2003-2004 budget, local government was spared deep cuts, as was public safety and education. Yet, there were no real "winners" because much of the real pain was deferred to the "out years" when all the IOUs the state has written will become due and payable. If we are fortunate, California's economy will return to the robustness we saw in the late 1990s, and renewed economic growth will alleviate much of the deferred pain.



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2003 - 04 STATE BUDGET

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
COPS Funding	Would reauthorize \$116 million state funding for "Cops on the Street"*	In Conference
COPS Tech Grants 2002	Would authorize \$18 million state funding for purchases of police equipment and technology.*	In Conference
VLF Funding	Would eliminate \$4.2 billion in VLF reimbursements to cities and counties.**	In Conference
POBR	Would suspend reimbursements for POBR**	In Conference

*These budget appropriations were actively supported by the League.

**Actively opposed by the League.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

BILL	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAPPL POSITION	BILL STATUS
AB 112	Goldberg	Would limit application of "Three Strikes."	Active Oppose	Assembly Inactive File
AB 140	Levine	Increases penalties for evading "police pursuits."	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
AB 187	Runner Garcia	Protects members of Armed Forces from discrimination.	Active Support	Senate Floor
AB 319	Frommer	Prohibits juveniles convicted of serious crime from owning or possessing firearms.	Active Support	Senate Appropriations
AB 359	Koretz	Requires written notification and reason therefore to officers denied off duty employment.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Chapter 104 Statutes 2003
AB 834	La Suer	Requires complaints shown to be unfounded, exonerated, or frivolous be removed from dept.'s files.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Public Safety
AB 933	Reyes	Includes stepchild for special death benefits allowed for children of officers killed in line of duty.	Active Support	Senate Appropriations
AB 960	La Suer	Establishes public safety officer - peer support privilege.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Judiciary
AB 968	Correa	Creates Workers' Compensation bio-terrorism coverage.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Conference Committee
AB 992	Ridley Thomas	Increases sales tax on sale of ammunition.	Active Oppose	Assembly Inactive File
AB 1077	Wesson	Expands ways for filing complaints against laws enforcement officers.	Active Oppose	Senate Appropriations
AB 1081	Maddox	Allows officers their own access to files when frivolous lawsuits are filed against them.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 1119	Wesson	Establishes "early warning system" for law enforcement officers.	Active Oppose	Senate Appropriations
AB 1156	Nunez	Provides employee of local public agencies & employee orgs may challenge a rule of public agency as a violation of Meyers-Milias Brown Act.	Active Support	Senate Floor
AB 1198	Dutton	Keeps POST information regarding personnel records confidential.	Active Support	Senate Judiciary
AB 1324	Steinberg	Creates a workers' comp presumption for dependents of peace officers who contact blood-borne infectious disease.	Active Support	Conference Committee
AB 1432	Firebaugh	Eliminates statutory double jeopardy concerning conviction by foreign government.	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
ABX 4	Wesson	Reimburses local governments for losses resulting from the vehicle license 1cc (VLF) offsets.	Active Support	Governor's Office

SENATE BILLS

SB 188	Cedillo	Equalizes membership of labor and management at POST.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Public Safety
SB 221	Romero	Prohibits POST from adopting regulations, to make POST Certificate a revocable license.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Concurrence
SB 365	Johnson	Revises circumstances that establish workers' comp employer liability.	Active Oppose	Senate Labor & Indus. Relations
SB 400	Burton	Reenacts binding arbitration for peace officers with changes to address Riverside case.	Active Support	Senate Concurrence
SB 752	Alpert	Allows law enforcement to require submittal of fingerprints for database.	Amended to remove opposition	Assembly Floor
SBX 15	Senate Bdgt Comm.	Time credits awarded to prisoners performing full time education qualifying assignments.	Active Oppose	VETOED
SCA 1	Burton & McPherson	Amends the California Constitution relating to access of public information.	Active Oppose	Assembly Elections Redistricting and Const. Amend.



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DeMolay International Honors Three of L.A.'s Finest

Submitted by Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay

At the annual meeting of DeMolay International in June, 2003, three of "LAPD's finest" were cited to receive special honors. At this meeting it proclaimed that P.O. III and League Director J. Ted Hunt and retired Lt. II Ross Moen would receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor. They also announced that Sgt. I Marty Fentress would receive the DeMolay Cross of Honor.

Ted Hunt is well known to our League membership for his activities as a

many of the leadership skills he uses today. Ted was thus honored not only for his activities with the Los Angeles Police Department, but also to his community.

Ross Moen who retired from the LAPD with 39 years of active service was given the award for a lifetime of service to his community, country and to our Department. Not only did he serve the LAPD with honor, but was a full colonel in the National Guard and retired with 40 years of service. He is also a Vietnam veteran, where he served as company commander. He was a member of the 101st Airborne and was involved in one of the most famous bat-

tles of the war, Hamburger Hill. During this 10-day battle, the U.S. sustained 46 dead and 400 wounded. After his time in the service was over, he resumed his career with the Los Angeles Police Department. Ross is proud of his record of leadership with the Department and stated that he loved every day of his career. This might account for his perfect sick record of never having taken a sick day. After his retirement he took up a new career of being a candidate for the United States Congress. Although not successful in his first attempt, we would not be surprised to see him running for office at some future date. Although

Ross was not a member of DeMolay in his youth, he is very active in the Masonic Fraternity and is currently serving his Masonic Lodge as its Worshipful Master.



Ted Hunt and Ross Moen after being conferred with their award of Legion of Honor.

League Director. What most of us didn't know was that when Ted was a teenager, he was a member of Riverside Chapter, Order of DeMolay. DeMolay gave him

Marty Fentress joined Pacific Palisades Chapter, Order of DeMolay when he was 14 years old and has been involved with the organization in some form almost his entire life. He has served nearly 20 years as an advisor for DeMolay. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Advisor Council for Conejo Valley Chapter. District Supervi-



Marty Fentress is presented with the Cross of Honor by Greg Gabriel who is a member of DeMolay International and a member of the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department.

sor for the DeMolay Oasis District and is the Director of Public Relations and Alumni for the Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay. He is also a member of the Southern California Youth Fund, which is a foundation set up to raise money to help with DeMolay. Marty has also served other youth groups as an Explorer Advisor, YMCA, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and currently is establishing a Venturing Crew with the members of his DeMolay Chapter.

Marty stated, "DeMolay has been an important factor in my life. Not only did it give me skills, which I have used all of my life, it helped me to decide on my career in law enforcement, has given me lifelong friends, and most importantly it is where I met my wife of nearly 25 years. It is hard to believe that a decision to join a youth group when I was 14 years old could have such an effect on my entire life."

What is the Legion of Honor?

The Legion of Honor is the highest award that DeMolay gives and was founded for the purpose of bringing together a select few out of the millions who have been either a member of DeMolay or involved with DeMolay or the Masonic Fraternity. Legion of Honor recipients must have actively demonstrated outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor, whether it be a civic, professional, fraternal, or spiritual

arena. It consists of men who can be implicitly relied upon, as the years pass, to aid young men in carrying the ideals of DeMolay into every walk of life.

The Legion's mission is to consecrate the hearts and minds of its members to an unfaltering belief in God, support of the public schools, and defense of the rights of all.

A DeMolay legionnaire can be of great assistance to the members of DeMolay. His leadership is needed to guide the young men of today who are learning those teachings that have helped guide his life. One man alone may falter, but united, legionnaires can expand and extend their abilities, interests and leadership, building a foundation of service and accepting the responsibilities and tradition.

What is the Cross of Honor?

An Advisor who wears the Cross of Honor has received a distinctive honor that can only be given by DeMolay International to a member of a DeMolay Advisory Council. It denotes three or more years of conspicuous meritorious service to a Chapter or jurisdiction, and exceptionally outstanding efforts on behalf of DeMolay.

What is DeMolay?

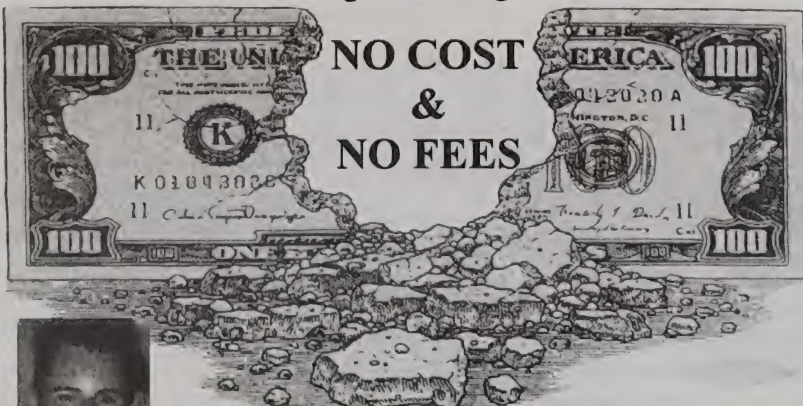
DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

Famous DeMolay alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton, legendary Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, news anchor David Goodnow, Pete Rose, Dick and Tom Smothers, Mel Blanc, Buddy Ebsen, and many others. Former Dodger pitcher, Tim Leary, is scheduled to be inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame next June. Each has spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in DeMolay. President Bill Clinton stated that he got his first interest in politics from being a member of DeMolay.

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by Usha Archer

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The 3rd Annual Bacon and Scrambled Leggs Dualathon will be held on Oct. 25, 2003, at the Greek Theater, located at 2700 N. Vermont Ave. The race will consist of two-person teams working together as they challenge a course that incorporates trail running and mountain biking. The event will begin with a two-mile trail run, a seven-mile mountain bike ride, and finish with a one-mile sprint.

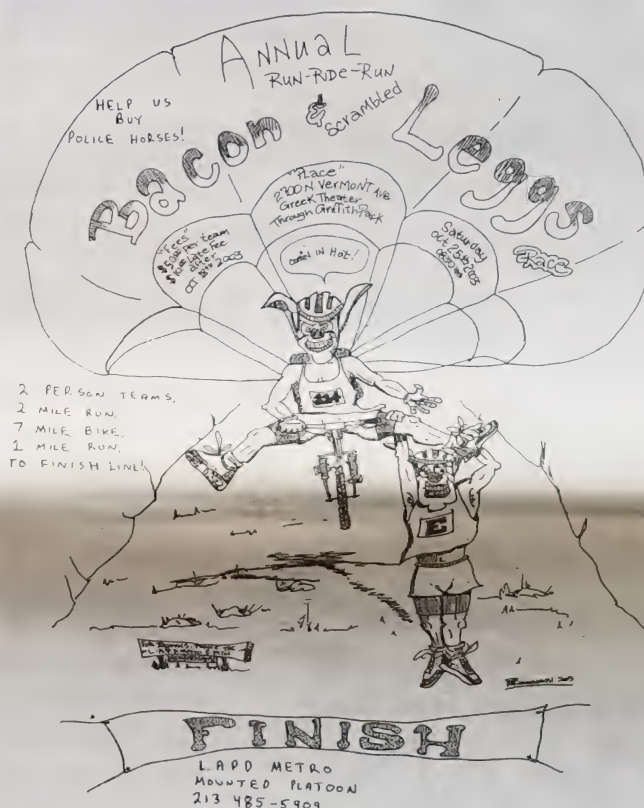
This event will draw approximately 300 competitors and spectators to the Griffith Park area, and is focused on developing the relationship between the public and police. An atmosphere of competition and exercise will aid in the interaction between competitors, spectators and sponsors attending this event.

The Los Angeles Police Equestrian Foundation and the officers of the Los

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting this year's Bacon and Scrambled Leggs coordinators, Sgt. Gerry Sola or Officer Jim Barlow.

Very truly yours,
MARGOWAIN LEE, President
Los Angeles Police Equestrian Fund



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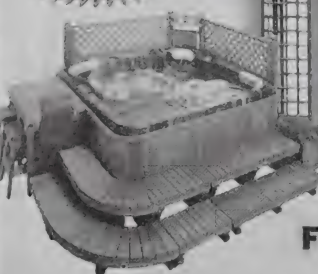
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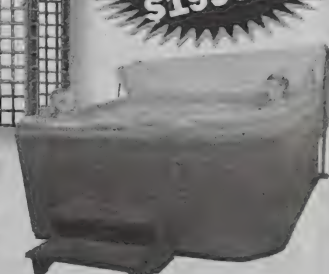
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The LAPD Family Helps with Andy Teague's Recovery

by Sergeant Michael Apodaca
Department Wellness Coordinator

On June 25, 2003, the Los Angeles Police Department family experienced its worst fear. While conducting a murder investigation, Detectives Abiel (Abe) Barron and Andy Teague

were traveling eastbound on Highway 138 when a pickup truck heading westbound crossed over the double yellow line and struck the detectives' vehicle head on. Det. Barron died at the scene and Det. Teague suffered a severe head injury and was transported to Loma Linda Hospital.

As the Department mourned the loss of



Det. Barron, Det. Teague's fate was not certain and at one point doctors all but said

that Andy would not make it either. Through all this uncertainty, Andy's wife, Det. Lina Teague, and other family members were at his side and never gave up hope. As time passed with no real progress seen, the belief that Andy would recover became more and more difficult. Although the prospects of Andy's recovery seemed in doubt at times, the support that Linda and her family received from the Department never diminished.

At the onset of this tragedy and under the direction of Chief Bratton and Chief Hillmann, Metropolitan Division established a security detail headed by PIII+1 Ben Lopez, to protect Det. Teague and to assist Lina and her family. The Teague family received daily calls from members of the command staff and personal assistance from Captains Kevin McCarthy and Kyle Jackson. Additionally, Northeast Area personnel as well as Andy's many friends throughout the Department offered their assistance and well wishes. The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation and Los Angeles Police Protective League also quickly stepped in to provide assistance to the Teague family. Detective III John Berdin also deserves a special thanks for his comfort to Lina and Ann Maria Barron.

As recently as July 27, Andy had not made much progress in his recovery. However, to the surprise of the medical staff, he somehow mustered the strength for a dramatic turnaround. Nearly non-responsive just days before, Andy began to react appropriately to stimulus presented him. Just three days later Andy was sitting up, saying a few words, and even standing with the assistance of his wife and friends.

Lina and her family want to extend their appreciation and thanks for the many phone calls, cards and warm wishes received from the LAPD family. Andy faces a long road ahead and the Teague family appreciates everyone's continued support. It is hoped that Andy will soon be able to receive visitors and at that time Department members will be welcomed. Lina said, "I also want to thank everyone for their prayers, for without their prayers Andy would not have made it."

God bless Andy and Abe.



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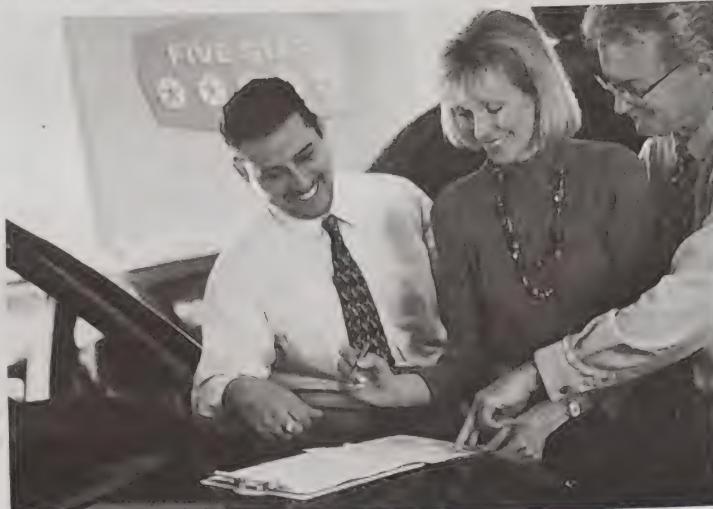
Fisher was referring to a September 2002 review of 23 manufacturer programs by IntelliChoice — an automotive information provider. The company also ranked the Chrysler

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Limited Immunity for Police Officers

by Judge Ross Klein

The Legislature has provided immunity to police officers investigating specific Health and Safety Code violations. This immunity, however, has its limits, and appellate courts have provided parameters as to how far this immunity extends.

Health and Safety Code section 11367 states that all duly authorized peace officers, while investigating violations of sections 11000 through 11651 in the performance of their official duties, and any person working under their supervision or direction, are immune from prosecution. Section 11367.5 states, in part, that immunity is provided to any duly authorized peace officer or one working under the officer's direction, supervision or instruction and who, in the performance of

their official duties, are providing substance abuse training to law enforcement, or to the community, or while providing canine drug detection training.

In *People v. Benford* (1959) 52 Cal 2d 1, the California Supreme Court addressed the issue as to when an individual is working under the supervision and direction of a peace officer. In *Benford*, the defendant was given money by an officer and was asked to purchase marijuana. The defendant took the money and left the car. He later returned with a bag of marijuana (and the officer's \$1 change!). When the defendant refused to name his source, he was charged with and convicted of selling and furnishing marijuana. The appellate court affirmed the defendant's conviction, finding that he was not allowed to invoke the immunity statute; it did not apply to an individual whom the police are using to locate the drug dealer.



U.S. E.P.A. Task Force members visit L.A. Police Protective League Board

From left: League Director Luther Lutz, Eagle and Badge President Arthur Kassel, Vick Swannstrom, Director, Criminal Division, U.S. E.P.A., League President Bob Baker, George Urquijo, Deputy Director, C.I.D. U.S. E.P.A., Louis Halkias, Special Agent, U.S. E.P.A., League Director Paul Weber.

Penal Code section 1111 discusses what is an accomplice. In summary, it says that an accomplice is one who is liable for prosecution for the identical offense charged against the defendant.

In *People v. Munoz* (1961) 198 Cal App 2nd 649, the defendant approached the officer and asked if he wanted to score. The officer said yes and drove the defendant to another location. The defendant left the car and later returned and gave the officer heroin. The court concluded that the officer could not be prosecuted as an accomplice since he was entitled to immunity as he was investigating a narcotics offense.

The defendant in *People v. Costa* (1991) 1 Cal App 4th 1201 thought that he was afforded immunity because he mistakenly believed that he was assisting a police informant in the establishment of a drug lab. Witkin and Epstein (California Criminal Law, vol. 1, section 41) stated that the defendant's belief that an informant's section 11367 immunity would extend to him as well was an inexcusable mistake of law.

Police officers were indicted by a grand jury in *People v. Backus* (1979) 23 Cal 3rd 360. They were charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy to furnish narcotics. The evidence showed that they gave narcotics to an addict and also refrained from executing a warrant. The Superior Court dismissed the indictments, holding that they were entitled to immunity. The Supreme Court disagreed and reversed. It found that immunity was not allowed since the officers were not acting in the performance of their official duties when they furnished the heroin.

While the law prohibits an individual from obtaining narcotics by deceit or misrepresentation, duly authorized officers investigating narcotic violations in the performance of their official duties are immune from criminal prosecution under section 11367. *People v. Nunn* (1956) 46 Cal 2nd 460.

Section 11367 has also been applied in administrative proceedings. In *Kolnick v. Board of Medical Quality Assurance* (1980) 101 Cal App 3rd 80, the undercover police officer untruthfully told the doctor that he needed drugs because he suffered from headaches and gambled excessively. The court held that it was not illegal for a duly authorized peace officer to make verbal misrepresentations to a doctor. The court also rejected the doctor's claim that he was entrapped since he already harbored a preexisting criminal intent. (101 Cal App 3rd 84).

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Police trainers cannot be held civilly liable for trainees' injuries during training

by Michael P. Stone, Esq. and
Marc J. Berger, Esq.

Court of Appeal affirms dismissal of lawsuit based on "Firefighter's Rule"

In a case of first impression in a published appellate decision, our clients, Dr. Ron Martinelli and Martinelli and Associates Justice Consultants, LLP, prevailed against an Unarmed Defensive Tactics (UDT) trainee who claimed she suffered neck and back injuries while performing a maneuver designed to teach her how to throw an assailant off her back while being choked in a prone position. She sued for negligence and assault.

The precedent decision, *Hamilton v. Martinelli & Associates*, 2003 DJDAR 8199 (July 24, 2003), turned back an attempt by Probation Correctional Officer (PCO) Barbara Hamilton, to impose liability on the training instructor, Dr. Ron Martinelli of Martinelli & Associates Justice Consultants, for alleged back and neck injuries suffered while attempting the UDT maneuver.

Hamilton's attorneys sought to invoke the benefits of some statutory enactments in the hope of establishing an exception to the well-settled and familiar legal defenses known as *assumption of the risk* and *Firefighter's Rule*. In 1980, the California Supreme Court applied the Rule to bar a San Diego officer's personal injury suit against a fleeing motorist. The officer was injured in a crash while attempting to pursue the evading motorist (*Hubbard v. Boelt* (1980) 28 Cal.3d 480, 484). In response to much justified criticism of the holding, the legislature enacted statutory exceptions to the Rule, that are triggered when certain conditions prevail, such as, for example, when the defendant is "aware of the officer's presence," and thereafter acts negligently, recklessly or intentionally to cause injury to the officer. Thus, as in the *Hubbard* case, were the same facts to occur today, Officer Hubbard's claims against the fleeing driver Boelt would not be barred, because it could not be gainsaid that Boelt was unaware of Hubbard's presence. After all, Hubbard was the very reason Boelt was fleeing. Had not these exceptions in *Civil Code* §1714.9 been enacted, officers similarly-situated to Officer Hubbard would continue to be "burned by the Firefighter's Rule."

In rejecting Hamilton's arguments that the Rule should not be applied to her case, the Court reinforced the common-sense limitations on civil liability that enable socially useful but dangerous activities such as law enforcement training, to be carried on without the deterrence and fear that the prospect of enormous exposure to civil liability would otherwise bring. *If the decision had been otherwise, civil liability could result from necessary and ordinary activities associated with dynamic and reality-based law enforcement training. Entire training curricula would need to be scaled back to provide a level of safety for the trainees that would leave the trainer without the latitude necessary to be able to sufficiently challenge trainees toward acquiring the skills they need to protect themselves and others in the field, and to test their ability to apply the training. We would return to those times when law enforce-*

ment training was primarily static and did not involve dynamic methods. Everything from ground-fighting techniques to "Redman Gear" would largely disappear. Trainers would be disinclined to engage trainees in any dynamic training if there is any risk of injury.

The "Firefighter's Rule" is well known in law enforcement circles. The defense is often deplored, especially by officers who have encountered it as a barrier against recovering damages for on-duty injuries inflicted by the intentional, reckless and negligent conduct of third parties. As anyone who has tried to file a civil claim for an on-duty injury knows, a person whose conduct caused an officer to respond and to suffer injury while confronting that conduct ordinarily has no liability to the officer. The paradigm proposition for which the "Firefighter's Rule" was named is that a person who negligently starts a fire is not liable to a firefighter who is injured while responding to the fire. That rule has long been fully applicable against police officers, where the officer is injured confronting the very risk or conduct which occasioned his response or presence.

The "Firefighter's Rule" is a particular class of a more general defense doctrine

known as "assumption of the risk." The assumption of risk defense bars liability when a person is injured as a result of the normal dangers of an activity in which the person voluntarily engages, such as competitive sports, hang gliding, skydiving and bungee jumping, to name a few out of hundreds of such "dangerous activities." All who voluntarily engage in activities that inevitably bear obvious risks of injury, are assumed in the law to have likewise voluntarily assumed the risk of such injuries. Not surprisingly, a great number of the leading cases applying assumption of the risk arise out of injury claims from competitive, contact and "extreme" sports event participation. Put simply, enjoying the sport involves acknowledging a risk of injury. So when it happens, one cannot sue the sponsor.

Hamilton based her claim for damages on Martinelli's alleged negligent and reckless training methods, in having students engage instructors in limited grappling maneuvers designed to teach and test the skills. Essentially, she claimed he pushed her beyond reasonable limits challenging her to do the maneuvers faster and with more physical exertion.

Common sense indicates that those claims by trainees should be barred by either assumption of the risk or the Firefighter's Rule, since the plaintiff's theory could easily make a civil case of every unintended injury a trainee suffers in training. The rule advocated by the plaintiff would necessarily impose on police

training activities the same *universal duty of care* imposed by the tort law throughout the country, which may be roughly paraphrased as a duty to refrain from negligently exposing others to injury.

While law enforcement managers and trainers appreciate the need for vigorous dynamic and realistic training methods, and while assumption of the risk and the Firefighter's Rule are well established, neither of these defense doctrines had been applied under facts parallel enough to the facts of this case to give the court a clearly binding precedent to follow. And the legislature has thrown in the statutory exception that is drafted in a way that requires careful judicial interpretation.

In the course of resolving these issues, the court clarified that the recent assumption of risk analysis developed in sports cases can be applied to employment-related activity, including training and practice. The court also eliminated any doubt that the Firefighter's Rule can apply to bar liability for injuries suffered in training activity.

The *Hamilton* case enabled the court to clarify the boundaries of both of these defenses in uncharted water; that is, involving mandatory police training provided by an "independent contractor" trainer. If the court had found neither doctrine applicable, it would mean that police trainers would have no protection at all from civil liability for injuries

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resulting from ordinary accidents and excesses in the course of teaching and practicing self defense and ground-fighting skills that are essential to police work. The court resolved both issues in favor of the trainer, and in doing so, also clarified the poorly-drafted statutory exception to the Firefighter's Rule that has raised more questions than it has answered (§1714.9).¹

In the *Hamilton* case, the County contracted with Martinelli & Associates to provide Probation Officers and Probation Correctional Officers ("P.O." and "P.C.O.") with training in UDT. Hamilton claims she suffered orthopedic injuries while attempting the maneuver that called for her to throw the instructor off her back. Both the course and the trainer were certified and mandated by the California Board of Corrections; Standards and Training Council (STC) for all sworn county probation officers.

The exception to the Firefighter's Rule, *Civil Code* 1714.9, if read literally, would entirely eliminate the Firefighter's Rule and assumption of risk defenses to liability for injuries caused by simple negligence that occurs after the defendant knows, or should know, of the presence of an officer at the location.² To dispel any idea that this narrow literal reading is correct, the *Hamilton* court construed this statutory exception to require an act of negligence separate from the one that occasions the officer's presence at the scene. The court concluded "the statute does not apply unless the conduct causing injury is additional and subsequent to the conduct necessitating the officer's

presence at the scene." 2003 DJDAR at 8203.

At oral argument, Hamilton sought to construe the court's tentative ruling as having an anti-police tendency, given that the outcome of the case is that the injured officer did not recover damages, and that the resulting rule of law will deny recovery of damages to officers injured in training and similar activities. However, most officers in our experience are familiar with the Firefighter's Rule and understand its role in the tort system. Most officers understand that public safety departments are empowered to take care of their own through worker's compensation and disability benefits. When, for example, an officer like Hamilton suffers an injury during department-mandated training, the officer is entitled to benefits under worker's compensation and disability law. If the allegedly negligent trainer is employed within the same agency, it is quite clear that the injured officer's remedies are limited exclusively to these compensation systems. *However, had the Hamilton case gone the other way, an independent contractor-trainer, like Dr. Martinelli, would be exposed to liability for tort damages, while his agency-employed counterparts would be immune. This would create an anomaly in the law, leading to an absurd result.* The result would be the unwillingness of private contractors with special expertise to continue to train officers in critical skills, fearing exposure to a multitude of suits.

From the perspective of the law enforcement profession, the *Hamilton* decision protects the ability to engage peace officers in challenging training activities, and to retain outside contractors to teach physical tactics, maneuvers and skills to members of the profession.

The appellate court's decision turns back an effort to use sophistry and legal mischief to achieve a narrow personal benefit for the plaintiff in the case, regardless of the pernicious consequences to the profession and to the safety of its members. We are therefore pleased that the court decided this important case correctly for the benefit of the law enforcement profession and society as a whole.

Stay safe!

(Note: Marc J. Berger is a civil litigation, writs, appellate and constitutional law specialist with the firm of Michael P. Stone, P.C., Lawyers. Mr. Berger has been associated with Michael since 1986. He argued this case before the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two.)

¹ *Civil Code* §1714.9 reads:

§1714.9 Responsibility for willful acts or want of ordinary care causing injury to peace officers, firefighters or emergency service personnel; circumstances; comparative fault; subrogation; exception.

(a) Notwithstanding statutory or decisional law to the contrary, any person is responsible not only for the results of that person's willful acts causing injury to a peace officer, firefighter, or any emergency medical personnel employed by a public entity, but also for any injury occasioned to that person by the want of ordinary care or skill in the management of the person's property or person, in any of the following situations:

(1) Where the conduct causing the injury occurs after the person knows or should have known of the presence of the peace officer, firefighter, or emergency

medical personnel.

(2) Where the conduct causing injury violates a statute, ordinance, or regulation, and the conduct causing injury was itself not the event that precipitated either the response or the presence of the peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical personnel.

(3) Where the conduct causing the injury was intended to injure the peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical personnel.

(4) Where the conduct causing the injury is arson as defined in *Section 451 of the Penal Code*.

(b) This section does not preclude the reduction of an award of damages because of the comparative fault of the peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel in causing the injury.

(c) The employer of a firefighter, peace officer or emergency medical personnel may be subrogated to the rights granted by this section to the extent of the worker's compensation benefits, and other liabilities of the employer, including all salary, wage, pension, or other emolument paid to the employee or the employee's dependents.

(d) The liability imposed by this section shall not apply to an employer of a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel.

(e) This section is not intended to change or modify the common law independent cause exception to the firefighter's rule as set forth in *Donohue v. San Francisco Housing Authority* (1993) 16 Cal. App. 4th 658.

² See: footnote 1, ante.

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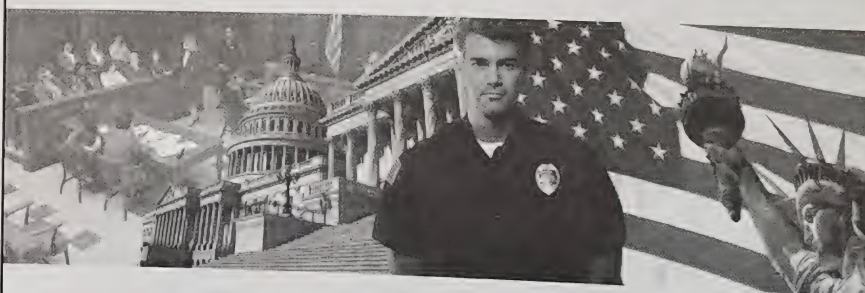
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COMMANDERS MESSAGE "Commander and Chief"

As you have read in my first two articles since taking the helm as your Commander, my primary goal is to increase our membership and participation at Post functions. I am making good on the recruitment side of the house, and our first monthly meeting has not been held as of the writing of this article. (It was held August 19th.) In July you read the names of the newest recruits from the recent academy class, a family member and officers that I have encountered around the Department. I challenge each of our Post's members to recruit one new member a month and/or to encourage one current member to attend a Post meeting and have dinner with us. As I attempt to do the same, there are no hiding places within the Department. This past month my search for new comrades led me down the hallowed halls of Parker Center, to be exact, the corner office on the sixth floor, the very same office whose first occupant was **William H. Parker III**. (Chief Parker influenced the design and construction of the building in 1955, which was called the Police Administration Building. He reformed and directed the Department for ten more years from that office until his on-duty death in 1966.) Dressed in Class A's, complete with Marine Corps ribbons and an American Legion pin proudly displayed for all to see, I was bound for the Office of the Chief of Police, **William J. Bratton**. Chief Bratton is every bit the reformer and visionary that Parker was, and the Department, the League, and its rank and file have not enjoyed a closer and more productive period since the Parker era. Armed with a pre-completed American Legion Membership Application form in hand, I stopped by Assistant Chief **Papa's** office to pick up some back-up. The actual purpose of my audience with the Chief was to discuss his priorities for the new Military Liaison Program. If taking command of Police Post 381 in July was not enough of a challenge, I am also directly responsible for standing up the Department's Military Liaison Program as the Military Liaison Officer. The purpose of this program is to provide a "ONE Call Does It All" Department contact person that is dedicated to reducing the burden of mil-

itary service on our employees and their families. The briefing with the Chief went well. He was pleased with our efforts and made it clear that every employee of this Department that is serving in the Armed Forces Reserves has his full support and appreciation. With the primary purpose of the meeting complete, it was time for me to make my move and recruit the Chief into the ranks of our Post. The Chief had agreed to join the Post when he stopped by our Post's booth at the Police Memorial Golf Tournament in May. With his signature on the dotted line, Chief Bratton joined the company of past chiefs, Parker, **Davis** and **Gates**, that have held the office as our commander or been members of our ranks. Welcome aboard, Chief, and thanks for your support, for all the Department's veterans, past and present. The Chief also agreed to address a future Post meeting, so continue reading the "Veteran's Corner" for that and other upcoming events. In closing I want to thank all our comrades that regularly attend our Post meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Past Post Meeting, July 16, 2003

This was our new Commander **Dennis DeNoi's** first official meeting! And he didn't do too bad. The board meeting began at 1700 hours while J.J. prepared the dinner, which was served at 1800 hours. J.J. was the last to eat. BOY, not much left! Well, at least he knows everyone is eating! Needless to say, there were no doggie bags!

Those comrades present were: **Rick Leiphardt, Dennis & Cheryl DeNoi, Bill Zimmerman, M. L. Maydeck, Harvey Wise, U.S. Coast Guard WWII guest of Comrade Maydeck, Sig Schian, Frank Torres, Samuel Mells, Clinton Erickson, Emmett Drennen, J.J. Leonard, Glen Bihler, Richard Kalk, Mark Gerin, Rob Welborn, Mike Regan, Frank Ortiz, Bob Reeves, Pinky Meredith and Ming Menegha, Sr.**

American Legion, Department of California: 17th District Installation of Officers 2003-2004

The installation was on Friday, July 18, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in Patriotic Hall. Naturally, our Post 381 had the best representation—most members present. It was quite a surprise to see one of our Past Police Post commanders, **Ted Hanson**. He's looking great, and hopefully we'll be seeing more of him in the future. Welcome back, Ted! The newly installed officers for District 17 from Police Post are: 17th District Commander **Woodrow L. "Woody" Baca**, 3rd Vice Commander **Richard Ledesma** (Junior Past Police Post Commander), Adjutant **Frank Flores**, Sgt. At Arms **Charlie Meter** and Assistant Sergeant at Arms **Jim Flavin**.

The entire ceremony was quite impressive. Beginning with the Administration of the Oath, through the Gavel Presentation, Capping Ceremony and dinner. They also had karaoke by **Clay Bolin**, the "Star Spangled Banner," sung

by **Stephanie Bolin** and "God Bless the U.S.A.," sung by **Les Bladd**. All in all a very professional and entertaining program.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Friday, Sept. 19, 2003

(Observed each year on the third Friday of September.) American warriors of yesterday and today have never failed to answer their nation's call. Through selfless sacrifice, they have brought to the entire world a concept most often associated with American ideals—freedom!

A precious word. A word with so many meanings to so many people. To much of the world, freedom is what America stands for—it is where we came from and what brought us along.

The somber, black POW/MIA flag—a national symbol—is a firm reminder of those still missing, and of their families who have waited decades for answers. "You are not forgotten" reminds us of their sacrifice, for our freedom. There are more than 88,000 warriors who are still unaccounted for, from conflicts past. And still their families wait. Our work is not done.

More than 140,000 Americans since World War I have endured the hardships of captivity as prisoners of war. Their sacrifices for freedom must never be forgotten. This nation especially honors their names, their undying spirit and their memory on September 19, 2003.

The rippling red, white and blue banner leads American warriors forward toward freedom for oppressed peoples, toward freedom for those who know the word only because it means "America."

Freedom lies in the hearts of the people of entire nations. It lies in ideals so richly American, and it rests on the shoulders of those who we honor on this special day. Freedom! Fly your flag!!

Ex-POWs' needs: Being a war veteran is one thing. Being a war veteran captured by the enemy is another. There is little talk of glory or heroism. In fact, there is little talk at all. Feelings of anger, frustration and shame often lie just below the surface. And there is an attitude among other veterans that POWs sat out the war or were somehow cowards.

That's why **Marty Schlocker** spent 25 years as a police officer without telling anyone he was in a German prison camp during World War II. **Dale Blank**, a POW, got the cold shoulder from wounded veterans until telling them he had seen the horrors of combat in Italy long before being captured. **Anthony Acevedo** of Yucaipa was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and forced into slave labor, digging tunnels in German mountainsides. At one camp Gestapo torturers shoved needles under his fingernails. But it did not impress his Mexican-American father who reminded him that his people had fought with



"Commander and Chief" - Los Angeles Police Post Commander Dennis DeNoi presents the Post's newest comrade, Chief William Bratton with his American Legion "cap" complete with the Chief's Vietnam ribbons and MP insignia. The Chief served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969 and participated in the "Tet Offensive."

Pancho Villa. "Why did you give up?" Such attitudes have taken a toll on the former POWs. Twice a month, they share frustrations and past horror stories in an attempt to heal themselves behind closed doors at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda. Groups of silver- and gray-haired ex-POWs sit in a room and talk about their wartime experiences. The men are separated into those who were prisoners of the Germans, Japanese and North Koreans. "There is a camaraderie here you can't find anywhere else," said **Wayne Livesay**, 77, of Riverside. On a recent Thursday talk among the 11 men, all former prisoners of the Germans, turned to fleas, death and the consequences of prison life. As each man told how he was captured, the others listened closely, nodding when they shared a similar experience. Many were taken in France during the Battle of the Bulge while others were shot down on bombing runs. **Robert Garrett**, 75, of Palm Springs, told how he and other POWs had heard the German SS were coming to kill all prisoners in his camp in the wake of an American advance. The Americans began stacking rocks to throw at the enemy troops. Fortunately, tanks from Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army intercepted the Germans and saved the POWs. **Tom Gibbons**, 74, of Palm Springs, commanded one of those tanks. "I caught the commandant of the prison camp hiding in a closet and turned him over to the military police," Gibbons said, adding, "I should have killed him." After the war, many POWs suffered from explosive tempers, an aversion to authority and not feeling in control of their lives. **Schlocker** of Newport Beach, was a Los Angeles Police Officer and admits he wasn't very good at it. He didn't like authority—being under it or administering it to others. "I didn't give enough tickets," said the 75-year-old. "I broke down several times." He said the group lets him talk about experiences he could never share with others. "There's no way I can talk to my family about this," he said. "I

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would fall apart and I don't want them to see that." He did not want to talk about carrying bodies to graves or the endless dysentery or of having to hide his Jewish faith from the Germans. We had lice in every part of our body. We had dysentery and fleas. It was not good living there. Blank said his legs were covered in "sores as big as a quarter" from flea bites. He shook his head when asked about the long-term effects of his capture. "You never get over it. I'd say 99 percent of POWs never talk about it," said the 75-year-old Cathedral City man.

"These men are survivors, they had a will to live. They are the strong ones, they are the ones with the coping skills. But many are depressed and miserable with inner pain. They kept it under wraps all these years."

Special Days in September

Sept. 1, Monday, Labor Day, fly the flag!

Sept. 2, Tuesday, V-J Day, Japan signed formal surrender, 1945. Fly the flag.

Sept. 6, Saturday, "Choir Boys" Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Regular monthly meeting in Ontario.

Sept. 7, Sunday, Grandfather's Day.

Sept. 10, Wednesday, Los Angeles Police Emerald Society monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the LAPD Academy, Elysian Park.

Sept. 11, Thursday, "Patriot Day." Fly the flag!

Sept. 15-18, Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California, 75th Anniver-

sary, Santa Cruz, California.

Sept. 16, Tuesday, American Legion Police Post 381 regular monthly meeting.

Sept. 17, Wednesday, "Constitution Day." Fly the flag!

Sept. 18, Thursday, U.S. Air Force "Happy Birthday," 1947

Sept. 19, Friday, POW/MIA Day, Fly the flag!

Sept. 27, Saturday, LAPPL Day at Raging Waters.

Sept. 28, Sunday, Gold Star Mother's Day.

Sept. 29, Monday, VFW formed 1899.

The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be September 16, 2003 at Panorama Post 817, our home away from home, 13553 Reedley Ave., Panorama City, (818) 781-2261. The normal \$5 for dinner will be requested AND we have a new cook. Or should I say an old cook has returned? Anyway, remember **Joe Albright**? He is cooking for the coming year.

For information on the meeting, please call our new Commander, Dennis DeNoi or maybe the First Lady, Cheryl DeNoi, at (626) 824-5582, or Adjutant Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271. For anything else, call J.J. at (818) 992-1414, even if only for someone to talk to. I'll listen!

If you have moved, please inform us of your new address! If you are retired, are your dues still being deducted?

Pictured is Ryan A. Walters, Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, wearing his

Ranger patch standing in front of his UH60 Blackhawk. He's currently assigned as a Medevac Pilot (Dustoff) with the 62nd Medical Brigade 54th Air Ambulance Co. stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, and currently serving in Kirkuk, Iraq. Ryan is TCS Motor Officer Phil Walters' oldest son. (Phil's other son is in the U.S. Air Force, currently stationed in Las Vegas.) Oh, the other three pictured in the distance are hiding in the shade! It was only 126 degrees.

If you're a legionnaire and have a relative "touring" the far east, let us know. A photograph, they say, is worth a thousand words.



Ryan A. Walters: Chief Warrant Officer United States Army UH60 Black Hawk Medevac Pilot (Dustoff) with 62nd Medical Brigade 54th Air Ambulance Co. Stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Currently serving in Kirkuk, Iraq.



Comrade JJ Leonard (Valley Traffic Division) and Comrade/Colonel Joe Mueller (Firearms and Tactics Unit - LASD) being sworn in as 2nd Vice Commander and Sergeant At Arms of Police Post 381.

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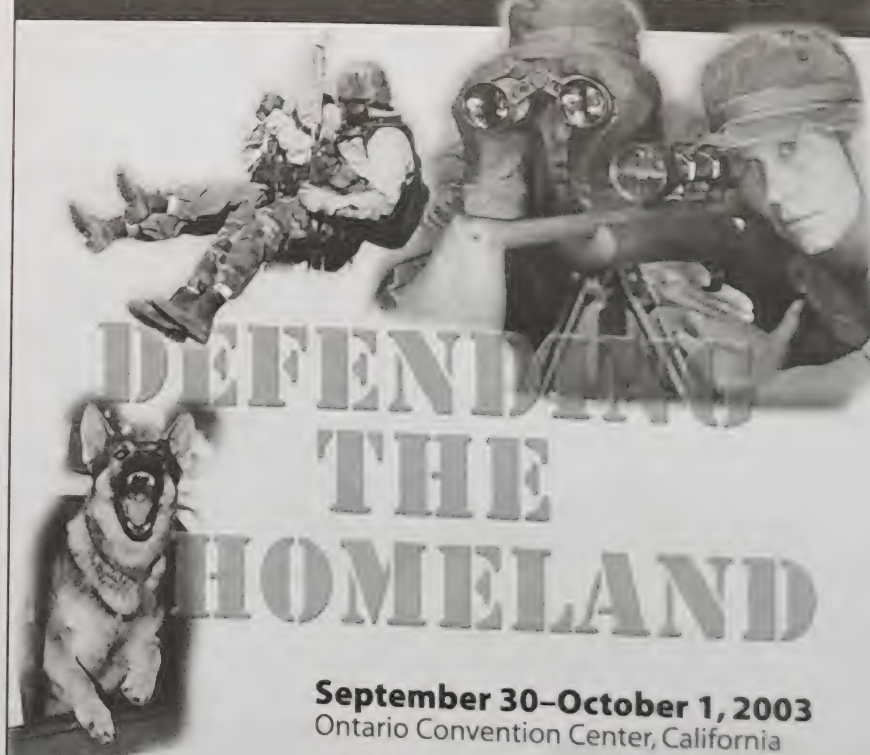
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2003 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTION

Part I: When does a reporter stop being a factual reporter and become a filter of the news, shaping it rather than reporting it?

Part II: What would you do to regulate news reporters and news companies to ensure accurate, ethical and unbiased reporters and news articles? List and explain the actions you would take.

Abuse of Freedom of the Press in American Society

by James Harvie

Freedom of speech has been a controversy in America since the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution, and arguably, long before the United States of America were established. Abuse of this right can be seen throughout history, from the "yellow journalism" of the Spanish-American War in 1898 to the modern Iraqi conflict. Today, with 24-hour news coverage, sensationalized and even falsified reporting is a topic of debate. It seems a reporter begins to shape the news in front of a curious audience or when extreme events occur. For the protection of Americans and for the sake of honesty and integrity, a standard must be established that all reporters and news companies must meet and exceed.

Words and images are powerful. Today the media strives to be the fastest, most accurate and most technologically advanced the world has ever known. Fair and accurate reporting is valuable and beneficial, but abuse of this right becomes harmful. When a reporter fabricates a story solely for person benefit and at the expense of others, as in the case of the reporter who claimed officers had shot an injured person inside of an ambulance, it is not reporting any longer. Ethically, it is wrong to publicly lie, tarnishing the reputation of an organization created for the benefit of everyone. The reporter who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for an imaginary story serves as another example. These individuals' talents should be utilized as fiction writers; a reporter should be interested in the truth. News companies fight for audiences, and, as a result, news stories are sensationalized with words, images, music and graphics. Presenting the news in an orderly and efficient format is considerate, but news—facts and truth—should never be bent for the sake of a hungry audience. The media should also be respectful in times of crisis and conflict, careful not to jeopardize national

affairs, as Geraldo Rivera illustrated when he publicly reported the position of the 101st Airborne in Iraq. Rivera was granted the great responsibility and honor of reporting the war effort to worried Americans, and should never have reported any "news" that placed America's military at increased risk. Perhaps these reporters, and anyone involved with the media at large, would benefit from a standard of ethical and fair reporting.

To begin, all reporters must be fully cognizant of the power of their words and actions. They are a main source of information for countless people. Reporters must understand that fiction and sensationalism belongs in literature, and that they are responsible for bringing truth to television, newspapers, magazines, radio and otherwise all trustworthy forms of news. Their reporting, ideally, should be devoid of bias; opinions may be created from their truthful information. Perhaps these unwritten standards should be spelled out and met at all times, by every news company and its affiliates. Certainly the manner in which this should be done is debatable, but whether it is a written code of conduct, an oath, a company policy, or any other enforceable rule, it must be established, and the public must not tolerate unfairness or untruthfulness from its trusted reporters. Freedom of the press is what makes this country great; abuse of this freedom cannot be left untouched for the sake of ethics and safety. Fiction must be left to novelists.

All reporters should realize the dangers untruthful reporting carries and strive to meet a high standard of ethical reporting, despite the personal benefits the reporter or his/her news company may reap. Freedom of speech certainly is an unalienable right, but misuse of this right cannot be tolerated. Sometimes, words are far too powerful to go left unchecked.

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Lindsay Henson, dependent of League member Offi-
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Melanie Washington, dependent of League
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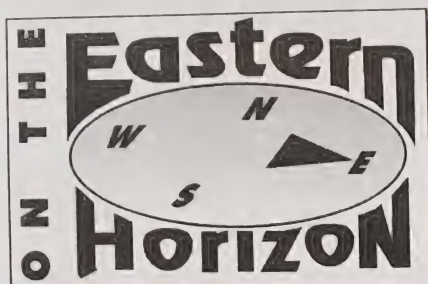
Michael Simon, dependent of League member Sergeant
Andrew Simon, displays his \$750 award.



Terri Galeria is a dependent of League member
Detective Steven Galeria. She is honored with a
\$750 award.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Ruben (FTD) Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

As we near the end of summer, here's hoping yours has been a good one. For those of you of Mexican heritage, Happy 16 de Septiembre. For you boxing aficionados, don't forget the big Oscar De La Hoya versus Shane Mosley match. Hope you enjoy all the festivities associated with these two events.

Commendable Capers

On a recent summer day, July 6th to be exact, Officers **Scutaru** and **Soto** were on patrol, trying to sniff out bad guys. What they sniffed out, however, was a residence on fire, fully engulfed in flames, in the 300 block of Saratoga St. After requesting additional patrol units and Los Angeles Fire Department response, the officers approached the residence in search of any possible victims. The officers did, in fact, locate an elderly woman in need of assistance on the porch of the residence. The victim was bleeding profusely from the face and appeared to be injured. The officers quickly learned that the victim was handicapped and unable to walk on her own. Needing to move her away from the residence and away from any possible additional danger, which could result in further injury or even death, the officers quickly formulated a plan. Both officers ran up to the porch and hoisted the woman up and off her feet. The officers then moved the victim off the

porch, away from the residence and to a place of safety. After verifying there were no other occupants in the residence, Officer Soto applied first aid to the victim while waiting for paramedics, who subsequently arrived and treated her. This is just another fine example of LAPD officers putting themselves in harm's way, with no regard to personal safety, in the performance of their duties. This is particularly true when someone's life is at stake. Great job,



Officer Soto and Scutaru with their fellow hero in the aftermath.

guys, and please know that the community you serve appreciates your efforts and unselfishness as do your fellow officers who recognize your accomplishments.

...and Speaking of Going All Out

Officer **Rick Verduzco** recently found himself in foot pursuit of a man with a gun. After everything was said and done, the ending wasn't quite the same as the above story. It appears that Rick has been slacking

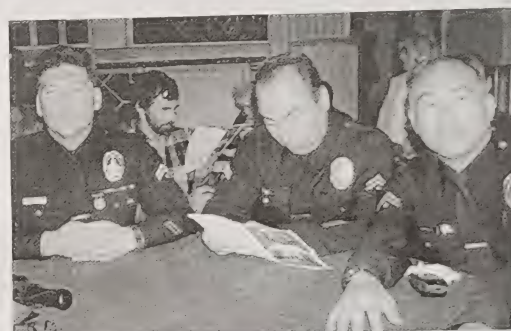


Officer Verduzco receiving a little oxygen after his short foot pursuit.

off on his cardiovascular regimen, since he was the one treated by paramedics, as shown by the photo. They say a picture paints a thousand words. Hey, buddy, your friends wanted me to share this photo, so take it out on them. In the meantime, how about a little workout?

...and Again Speaking of Going All Out

As you can see by what the picture depicts, the Hollenbeck Senior Lead Officers are all ears. At a recent community summit, SLOs **Danny "Goldilocks" Rios**, **Austin "Kermit the frog" Fernald** and **Steve "sawed-off" Morales** were really paying attention and absorbing all that the speaker had to



Hollenbeck Senior Lead Officers soaking it all up.

say. I am just glad they weren't asked to give a dissertation afterwards.

Hollenbeck Picnic

As you are reading this month's edition, you know that the picnic that was scheduled for August 23rd did not happen. I have been told that there was a scheduling conflict and the picnic had to be cancelled. There is

now a new tentative date of Sept. 14th, but please contact PSR **Linda Ortega** in the subpoena control officer for a firm date and place for the event.

Congratulations

My training officer and former partner, **Mark Saenz**, continues his climb on the ladder of success while receiving an upgrade from Lt.-1 Watch Commander to Lt.-2. Mark remains at Hollenbeck Division, assigned to Detectives.

Bienvenidos

The Hollenbeck family welcomes Lt. **R. Lopez** in from West Bureau. Lt. **S. Margolis** is also now assigned to Hollenbeck, after spending time at Central Division. Sgt. **M. Redruello** has joined us from North Hollywood, while P-2 **R. Hernandez** is now happy to call Hollenbeck home. Last, but not least, P-1 **E. Acuna** has left the Police Academy to continue training in the east side. A big Hollenbeck welcome hand is extended to all of you.

Adios

After a long stint, **Adrian Parga** has departed Hollenbeck and is now assigned to RHD while another long-tenured Hollenbeck officer, **George Gonzales**, is now at Harbor Division. Finally, PSR **J. Hall** has returned to Communications Division. Good luck to each and every one of you in your respective new assignments.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy **Dwayne Fields**. I would give Dwayne a moniker, but have you seen how buffed out he is? I happen to like my face in one piece.

Until next month, be safe and enjoy every day!

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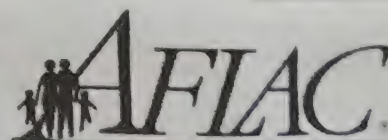
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by Rob Golden
Newton Division

Homicide Detectives in the News

Congratulations to Detectives **Rico** and **Arciniega**. Their hard work and flawless investigation led to the conviction of Jose Romano last month. For those of you who don't know, Romano is a Primera Flats gang member who, while shooting at rival gang members, killed an innocent eight-year-old boy in Trinity Park last year. Romano showed no remorse during the trial or sentencing where he was given 70 years in prison.

Sugar and Spice

There must have been a clearance sale on little girls last month. Officer **Maldonado** and her husband (former Newtonite) **Montoya** are the proud new parents of baby Graciela. Officer **Juan Gonzalez** and his wife, Rose, welcomed Alexa into the world, and the newest addition to the Ballesteros family is Isabella.

The only little boy belongs to Det. **Robert Solarza** and his wife. Congratulations to all of you.

Moving Around

I would like to welcome Detectives **Laura Chao** and **John Doerbecker** to Newton Division. Lieutenants are wild; we're getting three: Lt. **Terrence**, Lt. **Perez**, and Lt. **Gilman** are coming to Area 13. Officer **Peltonen** is fresh from the Academy.

Leaving we have Det. **Jessie Linn**. He got a gig over at RHD. Officer **Tina Rios** is going to DHD to work Fugitives, and Lt. **Byford Whittingham** (that's right, I said it) moved over to Southwest Division. And last, but not least, is Officer **Wampler** who will be tearing up half pipes in Club Devonshire from now on.

It's Been a Great Ride

I finally made the transfer to the Harbor. Although the circumstances surrounding my leaving are somewhat controversial, I did want to say a few things to all of you at Newton Street before I go.

First of all, thank you. I came to Newton in 1997 and right away I knew that I had found a special place that I could call home. I made a lot of friends here, I learned a lot about myself, I learned how to do real police work, and I had my share of memorable capers. I was fortunate to work in one of the finest CRASH and SEU units in the city, with some of the best and brightest gang cops and supervisors around. I had a great time doing it.

Secondly, I hope that as time passes, and if my name ever comes up, people will remember me in a positive way, as a



solid gang cop who had fun and enjoyed doing what we do.

To me, there is nothing better than seeing some thug gangster in handcuffs getting carted off to jail to spend the rest of his miserable life behind bars. Because that's what truly impacts a neighborhood. That's what really makes the community of Newton Area a better place for the citizens to live and work in. It's not the dog and pony show barbecues and yoga in the Red Davis room. It's not the baseball cards from the 1992 Dodger baseball season. It's not the Risk Management, Compstat, Fastrac, Lojak, Pin Map, Wackity Whack whatever you want to call it this week meeting, and it's certainly not the bean counters with the "Gotcha" mentality who try to tear us down from inside their nice offices. The Monday morning quarterbacks with the mahogany desks and pictures of years long past when they themselves used to push a black and white, and do the job that most people in this world are too

scared or unskilled to do (and you know who you are).

No, it's not any of that. What makes Newton a safer, better place to live and work in is when gang members and bad guys go to prison, period.

Because if I was able to do that, even if I was just once or twice, then all of the

frivolous, trumped-up personnel complaints that came along with being tough on gang members were worth it. All of the drama, stress, grief, set-ups, stings and trips to the offices with mahogany desks in buildings with really old elevators are small prices to pay to ensure the safety of an innocent child who just wants to play in Trinity Park.

Finally, as I look back on the last six years, I wouldn't change a thing. I loved working with all of you guys and girls in Newton. I will always consider Newton Street my second home. Even though I've always wanted to work the Harbor, and I'm excited and happy about finally making it down there, it still doesn't change the fact that *I will miss it here, and miss all of you.*

You guys be safe, and don't let anyone keep you from doing the great job that you all do.

You can contact me at Rob14767@aol.com.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Commendable Capers

The SEU Northeast Gang Enforcement Detail has been working overtime ridding the streets of many unwanted career criminals. Many of the daily activities of the unit go unnoticed by many of us. Yet, they are out tracking down criminals. The officer and detectives in the unit are commended for their tenacity when it comes to tracking down criminals.

On the 22nd of July there were two armed robberies in the Northeast area. The two robbers used the same method of operation during both of the robberies and both were wearing yellow tinted sunglasses. While on patrol, SEU Officer **Arteaga**, #32722, and Officer **Salcedo**, #34667, observed a man involved in an argument. They stopped and spoke to the two. Later the woman informed them that the man had been responsible for the robberies and that he had been under the influence of narcotics. The officers verified the crimes and the suspects' descriptions. They contacted Officer **Castro**, #33602, and Officer **Salas**, #32702, and advised them of the information. Officer **Castro** and Officer **Salas** detained two men fitting the description given to them. Det. **Sears**, #27893, and Det. **Villasenor**, #31267, located a witness to the crime and completed a field show-up. A follow up to a victim's location was also completed. Both the witness and victim identified the two men as the robbers. Both men were in possession of yellow tinted sunglasses. The men were arrested for 211P.C. Robbery, with additional filling of fashion violations.

On the 27th of July SEU Officers **Figuerroa**, #35260, **Arteaga**, and **Castro** were responding to a call of shots fired

when they observed a 22-year-old Hispanic man. The man was holding a black pouch in his right hand and he was holding onto the waistband of his pants with his left hand. The man looked toward the officers and immediately began to flee from the location. The man jumped over a fence and fled the area. The officers requested additional units and an air unit. The air unit officers responded and led the ground officers to a location where the man was found lying on a building roof. The man was ordered off the roof and taken into police custody. Officer **Castro** recovered the black pouch next to the fence. The pouch contained two loaded handguns, a knife and a tobacco pipe. The man was also an admitted "Avenues" gang member. The man was placed under arrest for a felony crime, 12025(B)(3) P.C., Gang Member with a Gun.

While working a footbeat, Officer **Hurd**, #35764, and Officer **Escalante**, #31977, were monitoring a location highly known for narcotic sales and use. The officers observed a group of individuals drinking alcohol. Officer **Hurd** observed a man turning away from them. The man was holding something in his hand and began to walk away from the officers. Both of the officers observed the man as he threw a black plastic bag onto the ground. The bag contained several plastic Ziplock bags of marijuana. The man also had numerous folded \$20 bills in his possession. The officers placed the man under arrest for 11359H.S., Sales of Narcotics. These two officers used outstanding police skills in tackling an ongoing quality of life issue.

Baby Oh Baby

Congratulations to Officer **Mike Arteaga** and his wife, **Rebecca**, on the



Bianca Arteaga - born July 10, 2003.

birth of their second child. Beautiful, **Bianca Ann Marie Arteaga** was born on July 10, 2003. She weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 20-1/2 inches. Mommy, daddy, baby and big sister, 5-year-old **Hailey**, are all doing well.

Travels

While on vacation in Jaco Beach, Costa Rica, Officer **Alvarado** visited the Transito Police Station. This is the



Officer Bob Alvarado - "Just released or just visiting?"

Costa Rica version of the CHP. Officer **Alvarado** said he only made a visit to the station. We believe he was detained and released with a warning not to return to the country and all charges would be dropped.

Promotions/Coming and Going

Officer **Hector Salas** was promoted to detective. Det. **Salas** will be detecting crimes in Southeast Area. Sgt. **Archuleta** has been promoted to Sgt. II, transferring to Professional Standards Bureau. Lt. **Benes** has been promoted to Lt. II assigned to NOE SEU. Sgt. **Sandoval** has been promoted to Sgt. II NOE Patrol. Congratulations to all of you from all of your Northeast friends and family. Joining our wonderful Northeast family is Lt. **Romeral** from PSB, Det. **II Diaz** from 77th, Det. **Sanchez** from Rampart, and Officer **Mattison** from the academy. Good luck

she was taken to the heavens. **Teresa** submitted her own personnel letter last month, and I don't want to repeat all she felt and went through. I do want to tell you how **Teresa** has changed the tragic loss of her daughter to the wonderful hope for others. **Teresa** created a founda-



Makayla Gallardo - "Heaven's Little Angel."

tion along with her husband in the name of her daughter. The foundation is to assist the family members of others going through similar situations, relieving some of the burdens involved. **Teresa** is a very strong and very blessed person. I, along with many others, look up to you in all your strength and spirit! The Internet site is under construction. Please check keywords **Makayla's Haven Foundation**. **Makayla's Haven Foundation**, P.O. Box 151865, Los Angeles, CA 90015-1865.

Andy Teague

Det. **Andy Teague** is recovering from his injuries from the car accident that took Det. **Abe Barron** from our realm. **Andy** has been improving greatly. His family has been at his side supporting and assisting **Andy** in his recovery. Our prayers go out to **Andy** and his family.

Community Involvement

The Northeast Detective Unit has a family room for children to wait in during lengthy investigations involving young children. The room is a great asset for officers and detectives conducting the investigation. Yet, lately the room has been in shambles with old, broken toys, dirty walls and leftover cookie crumbs. Van Nuys' Officer



Northeast Girl Scout Troop refurbished the NOE family room.

to Officer **Ortiz**, transferring to Wilshire Area.

Makayla's Haven

I want to tell you about a very important foundation that one of our officers developed. Officer **Teresa Gallardo** was pregnant last year with her daughter when she became very ill. **Makayla** was born very early and was able to share her love with her mother for 15 days until

Casciani's daughter, **Samantha**, a member of a Northeast Girl Scout Troop, contacted Det. **Yamada**, #30275, in hopes of refurbishing the room. The girls came in and cleaned all the decay, beautifying the area for future children in need. Thank you to Girl Scout Troop **Cara Fuqua**, **Tally Roth**, **Chelsey Arabia**, **Christine Jorvina**, **Samantha Casciani**, **Katie Rode Tomzynski**.



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What About Wilshire?

by Sgt. "Bobby" Smith
Wilshire Division

Heroes Honored

On Saturday, July 20, Wilshire Patrol Division personnel who responded to the tragic small plane crash on June 6, in the 600 block of North Spaulding Avenue, were honored as heroes by Congressman Henry Waxman, State Senator Shelia Kuehl, State Assemblyman Paul Koretz and Councilmember Jack Weiss.

Police Commission Blinks on Alarm Policy

Name something you would continue to do, although it fails nine times out of ten. One person answered dating. Another person answered a diet.

The Los Angeles Police Commission answered private burglar alarms, when four of its five members decided to overturn Chief Bratton's policy of a "verified response" to alarms.

In January, Chief Bratton adopted the policy to reduce the time we waste on burglar alarms, which nine times out of ten prove false. It would have also shifted responsibility for confirming burglar alarms to the private businesses that

install the alarms for a monthly fee.

Mayor Hahn's "two strikes" compromise, approved by the Commission he appointed, gives alarm owners two false alarms a year before requiring verification and fines, which doubles if the owner lacks a city permit.

Besides keeping us in the business of providing private police services to alarm owners, the policy comes with its own pitfalls. Three City Council members pointed out that no one can say what a new computer system will cost to track alarms. No one can answer what is the city's liability if the system fails. And what about the time and effort it will take to collect permit fees and fines?

By the printing of this report, we trust the Commission will show its understanding of this misuse of our understaffed police force, overturn the compromise plan's implementation and promote proactive policing in our communities, not please private alarm companies.

Crime Line

Wilshire Area crime statistics year-to-date for the week ending July 26, 2003: Homicide, -60.0%; Rape, -50.0%; Robbery, -4.3%; Aggravated Assault, -6.3%; Burglary, +11.0%; Larceny, -9.1%; Auto Theft, -33.0%; Violent Crime Arrests, -9.1%.

Promotions/Upgrades

Lt. I Joe Owens has been promoted to Lt. II (Detectives). Lt. I Eric Davis (West Los Angeles) has also been promoted to Lt. II (Gang Detail). Lt. I Douglas Miller has been assigned as the Day Watch Commander (Detectives). Lt. I Randy Garcia also joined the team as the Day Watch Commander (Patrol).

Employees Honored

The following employees were selected as Employees of the Second Quarter 2003: Sgt. Scott Kennedy, Officers Raul Lopez, Daryn Dupree, and Chang Kim, and Clerk Typists Pamela Castillo, Vonda Harvey, Michelle Hawes, and Linda Walker.

Open House

On Sunday, July 20th, we held our annual Open House. In addition to static displays and handouts, the festivities included dancers and food provided by the Korean Restaurant Association. City Council members Tom LaBonge and Martin Ludlow, and Field Deputy Adeena Bleish, representing Councilmember Jack Weiss, were in attendance.

Hurry Back

Well wishes to those employees who away from the workplace either sick, ill or injured-on-duty status.

Welcome back Sgt. Jesse Williams and Officer Jesse Ivey.

Ready for a Challenge

Are you a probationary officer about to complete probation? Are you looking for challenging, hard work? Then put in your transfer (Form 1.40) to Wilshire Patrol Division.

Putting Suspects in Jail

We are using all available resources to arrest suspects. Shadow Detail officers conducting plainclothes surveillance arrested a murder suspect. Career Criminal Detail officers arrested a parolee who had committed a hot prowling burglary at the City Attorney's residence. Robbery detectives arrested a suspect who had committed nine robberies in three geographic areas. A Community-Police Advisory Board member assisted in the arrest of a robbery suspect who had committed 14 robberies. Bike Detail officers arrested a robbery suspect who had committed three home invasion robberies. A citizen, along with Anti-Terrorist Division and Air Support officers conducted a violent crime and a juvenile task force that resulted in five felony arrests (one parolee-at-large with a gun), 17 misdemeanor arrests, 114 personal service citations, 58 Field Interview Cards, 27 computer checks, one impounded vehicle, and 700 crime alert flyers. A vice task force resulted in eight prostitution arrests, seven citations, four Filed Interview Cards, and four computer checks.

This report is closed in the memory of comedian Bob Hope who made us all laugh.

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North Hollywood News

by Angie Hougren
North Hollywood Division

Moving On

Congratulations and best wishes to MAII Pam Jedlicka. She and her husband fell in love with the Vermont area while on a vacation, and this year they decided to make a fresh start. They have moved there, and Pam will be working as a dispatcher. Best of luck in the future, and enjoy this new chapter in your life.



Pam Jedlicka.

Lt. Tom Zak is also moving on. However, the trip to his destination is a bit shorter. He's the new GIT coordinator for Foothill Area. And, in addition to his new job, he and his wife Melissa have added a brand new baby girl named Cecelia, to make their journey in life more enjoyable. We hope the entire Zak family enjoys spending time with their new little girl. You will be missed at North Hollywood, and we wish you the best at Foothill.

Our Boys of Summer

They may not have played at Ebbett's Field (but then again maybe they have), but we are mighty happy to have our Officers of the Month (for July and August), Alan Hammond, and "Geno" Ferone, wander in and play here at North Hollywood. With almost 25 years in the Division between the two of them, they add a certain authenticity to things. If there were a dance contest at the ARC



Natalie Rippe, Pam Mojarro, and Josie Torres at the North Hollywood picnic.



Heather Kowalczyk and Vicky Walton-Noor - service center with a smile.

party, Geno would walk away a winner every year. And Al's alter ego as musician extraordinaire brought the house down at the recent station picnic.

Real Estate Guide by TIFFINI R. HUGHES



Your response to the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and Real Estate Services has been tremendous. LAPD/LAPRAAC members, families and friends who have bought or sold a home using the program have saved money and raved about the cash rebates. I would like to thank everyone for the complimentary letters and e-mails expressing your money-saving experiences with the program. Our super competitive loan rates, free credit check and flat lender fees have made the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program a winner. The negotiating power of a large organization (LAPD/LAPRAAC) creates these cash rebates and incentives.

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About the author:

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street



Captain Jim Miller and Sherry.

A Farewell BBQ

On July 2nd, 77th Street hosted a barbecue for Capt. III **James Miller**. After almost two-and-a-

half years he is on to "Valley" pastures and is in command of Van Nuys Division.

Sgt. **Art Duran** and Lt. **Ann Clark** put together a wonderful feast. Capt. Miller's family, Community CPAB and divisional personnel once again were able to enjoy yet another 77th Street barbecue!

Capt. Miller was awarded a plaque thanking him for all of his efforts here in 77th. During his command, 77th Street became newsworthy with 116 homicides in one year's time. Call-outs became a way of life. Capt. Miller responded to the majority of them, and let's not forget all of the other issues requiring his presence.

His wife Sherry was a real trooper with "policy issues." Maybe we should list the wife's name on our call-out roster, too, since we always seem to talk to them first! Hmmm...

When Capt. Miller's time was not capitalized with divisional issues, he took the 77th Street Community issues to heart. He always made an effort to be at community events, especially those involving "Stop the Violence" issues. A sincere dedication to a safer community will not be forgotten.



Sergeant Shannon Allan and sons.



Sergeant Pete Casey and Sgt. Billy-D Driver.

77th Street wishes you all well!

Keep Those Coals Hot

Wow! It was a traditional "77th Street Divisional Picnic" on July 12th! Fun...fun...fun!

Code Alpha was at 1100 hours, but the activities to prepare for this event

took place hours before. Various individuals from CRO, SLO, and 77th Training Cadre made it a wonderful day for all of those in attendance. Thanks to all of you for your efforts!

Lt. **Tom Brascia** took the grand prize winning a totally cool "Wonder BBQ" and we are all waiting in suspense to see what he is going to cook for us at our next watch barbecue.

For those of you who took care of us while we had a good time, we all know you were very busy and we thank you so very much!

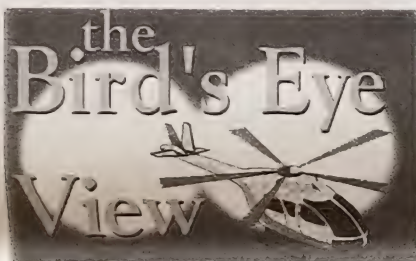
Independence Day for 77th

On July 2nd, 77th Street was privileged to work with many federal agencies in combating gang/narco issues in 77th Street. Over 30 warrants were served in the "Rollin' '60s" hood, simultaneously. It was a work of art and a dedicated message to all of those who needed to go to jail. Thanks, Det. **Roger Gilbert** for everything!

This task force required assistance from many of our sister divisions and we thank you for your assistance. We also had participation from various bureaus, and it was a nice reunion. Rest assured that we are willing to return the favor when required. After all, we are family, and we are back...Ha!

It was a good day in L.A.! The "City of Angels" reigns.

Stay safe. SL015



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Last Reminder for Dining In

We are fast approaching Air Support's 3rd annual Dining In. Now is the time to call ASD and reserve your ticket to attend this event. It will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at the Police Academy. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by contacting the ASD admin. section at



Formation flight with Sean D. Tucker and Ed Hamill.
photo by Glenn Grossman

(213) 485-2011. If you are coming in from out of town and are interested in staying with a current member of ASD, please contact Sgt. **Doug Abney**. Doug has a list of people who can help you out with accommodations.

We are looking forward to our keynote speaker, aerobatic pilot **Sean D. Tucker**. Sean is anxious to be with us

and has an exciting talk planned. You can also plan on seeing a new Air Support video by **Glenn and Mike Grossman**. It promises to be a fun evening catching up with old friends. We hope to see a lot of our retired ASD family in attendance. If you have any



Sean D. Tucker at Van Nuys Air Show.
photo by Glenn Grossman

questions about the Dining In, please don't hesitate to contact **Doug Abney**, **Pat McNamara** or **Jack Schonely**. See you on Sept. 30th.

K-9 Marko EOW

Courageous, unique, driven, fast, obedient, and friendly. These are a few words that come to mind when talking about one of Metro's finest, K-9 **Marko**, #88. I am sorry to report that Marko died on July 16, 2003.

Back in March of 1994, Metropolitan Division K-9 handler Officer **Jim Hagerty** had no idea what a great ride he was about to begin. Jim received Marko after he was purchased from Ken Licklider of Vohne Liche Kennels in Indiana. The first thing Jim and everyone else noticed was Marko's appearance. He was the first Hollandse Herdershond (Dutch Shepard) in the K-9 unit. He had a very unique look. **Linda Travis** and **Danny Bunch** had the pleasure and challenge of training Marko and Jim. They worked very hard to prepare this K-9 team for all of the dangerous work ahead.

It wasn't long before Jim realized that

he had won the K-9 lottery in getting Marko. This dog was like a light switch; you could take him to a school for a demo where hundreds of kids would pet him, and then go straight to a high-risk search and find a suspect. Jim and Marko conducted 614 searches resulting in 183 suspects being located. Jim also did additional training with Marko to find articles such as guns and evidence. The team completed almost 40 article searches with great success. Lots of guns that would never have been located were booked into evidence because of Marko.

Two of Marko's finds resulted in officer-involved shootings. During an ADW on a police officer search in Hollywood Division, Marko quickly led the search team to a rear yard. As Marko located the suspect behind a palm tree, the sus-

Police Star. (The Liberty Award is named after retired K-9 handler John Hall's dog, Liberty, who was killed in the line of duty during a gun battle with armed robbery suspects. John was also wounded during the incident.)

Marko was injured on duty on numerous occasions. In addition to being shot, he was struck by a heavy beam that fell on him in a crawl space, and a cement block fell on his foot during a search. The vets said that he would not be able to return to duty after that injury. Four months later, Marko proved them wrong, and he continued to work till he was retired in February of 1999. Marko then enjoyed retirement with Jim, Paula, and Brian. He wanted to go back to work even to the end.

Many of us at Air Support had the pleasure of watching Marko find suspects over the years. We work very closely with Metro K-9 and really appreciate all that they do. Marko was one of those special K-9s that comes along once in a while. He will be missed.

ASD Tip of the Month

All of us at ASD have noticed that many "Z cars" are being deployed around the city. Most of these Z cars are either unmarked dual purpose or plain cars. If you are assigned to a vehicle of this type and you are working in plain clothes, please broadcast this information when you are involved in any unit request or tactical situation. This will allow the TFO to assist you quickly and keep you safe. The example that we see happening frequently is a plain car following a Code 37 vehicle. If you don't describe your vehicle, we are looking for a black and white and we might fly right past you. Be very specific with your location, and tell us what you're driving. This will help us out a lot. For your safety, don't forget to advise communications "plain clothes officers at scene." We will repeat that info to backing officers. Always watch your six.



L to R: Ian Schonely, K-9 Marko, Megan Schonely.

pect began firing at the search team. The entire team returned fire with numerous rounds. Marko never even flinched holding onto the suspect during the entire gun battle. After the incident was under control, Jim said he heard Marko yelp after the suspect's first round was fired, so he started checking Marko for injuries. Jim observed a gunshot wound on Marko's forehead. Marko received 12 stitches and was back to work. Marko received the Liberty Award as a result of this incident. The search team that consisted of Jim, **Gordy Olson**, **Brian O'Hara**, and **John Hall** received the



by Patty Braendle
Rampart Division

We'd like to offer our thoughts and prayers to the **Barron** and **Teague** families. If there is anything that we can do to assist you in any way, please call us here at the station. The following is a letter from Det. Barron's daughter, Lauren:

"On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the Los Angeles Police Department and everyone that attended my father's services. My father was given a hero's farewell and that is something that I will never forget. It was a very sad day for me and a very hot day

uous support. Please keep his best friend, Andy, in your prayers. My father is and will always be my hero, and his happy face will always be in my heart. Thank you, Lauren Barron."

Some of you may remember that a few months ago we sent some birthday cards to **Andy Noble**, a 13-year-old



Andy Noble sporting his new Rampart jacket.

from Detroit who is ill with cerebral palsy. We also sent him an official Rampart jacket. As you can see by the photo, it was a great fit with room to spare. He sent a letter to the station to say thanks to all of you. You clearly



Team Rampart 2003 Baker to Vegas.

for everyone else, yet everyone stood tall and strong. My father was very proud of the Department, and I know that he was very proud that day. I would like to thank Rampart Division, Rampart Boosters and West Valley Division for their generosity and contin-

made his birthday a memorable one.

Congratulations to all the runners and thank you to all the support personnel who participated in this year's Baker to Vegas race. Rampart placed 4th in the mixed division and was the best LAPD mixed team. There was some truly inspirational running going on out there with

Communications is happy to be able to bring smiles to faces, one child at a time.

Valley Dispatch Center Set to Open

The Valley Dispatch Center is complete and scheduled to open in mid-September. The center is located almost at the Ventura County line (35 miles from downtown). It will take approximately 100-120 PSRs and staff to operate the center. Valley Bureau dispatch will initially be housed at the center. Communications is still recruiting PSRs willing to work the Valley. Because the dispatch center has been centralized downtown for many years, most PSRs live great distances from the Valley Dispatch Center.

Welcome Back

Communications welcomes back the supervisors and officers of the Department Command Post (DCP). They are now back with Communications Division.

We welcome Officers **R. Gonzalez** and **E. Good** from Pacific Division.

the gusting winds and all. We had some pretty scary moments, but in the end it all worked out. There were a lot of heroes out there that night (you know who you are!). I must mention our motivational speaker/alternate runner/support person, **Andy "Buzz" Taylor** who provided our leg 16 through 20 runners with some new phrases that they will never forget.

We'd like to extend a Rampart welcome to Lt. **J. Eisenberg**, Lt. **L. Farrell**, who has returned to Rampart once again, Det. **J. Kim**, SLO **M. Wang**, Officers **J. Park**, **C. Adriano-Tagle**, **A. Buck**, **D. Hernandez**, **B. Yagupyan**, **L.**

Hulsebus, **S. Schneider**, **P. Zalba**, **B. Gorby**, **C. Fabian**, **M. Fujiwara**, **K. Gutierrez**, **M. Nguyen**, and **SCT V. Wu**.

Congratulations to **M. Hubert** who is the new SLO, and **R. Villalobos** for his promotion to P-3. Best wishes to the following personnel who are departing Rampart: Lt. **P. Torrence**, Lt. **R. Garcia**, Lt. **J. Perez**, Det. **J. Erwin**, Sgt. **T. Coyle**, Det. **K. Sanchez**, Det. **E. Allen**, Officer **C. Perkins**, and Officer **J. Kim**.

We will get back into our "commendable caper/bang for your buck officers" in the next edition.

Take care and be safe.

Belated Farewell

Good luck and a belated farewell to Lt. **Jodi Wakefield**, #24444, who left DP5 for Employees Relations Group. We didn't want her to have the impression that we forgot her. Good luck with your future endeavors, and thanks for all that you have done.

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by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Section

Welcome

Red would like to extend a warm welcome to Sgt. **Ernst Cabriaes**, #27190, who comes from Foothill Division, due to arrive ASAP.

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First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division and the
Department Command Post

Some Kids Need Help

During June, 2003, Communications Division personnel adopted the "The Smile Train" program as its designated charity. This organization is dedicated to helping the millions of children in the world who suffer from cleft palate, through free surgery for the children, free training for the doctors, and research to find a cure. Communications personnel raised six thousand dollars in a short period of time in support of "The Smile Train."

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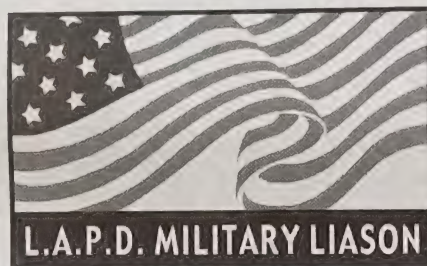
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Officer Dennis J. DeNoi

Answering the Call!

On May 31, 2003, at the Armed Forces Family Appreciation Day, the Department unveiled the new Military Liaison Program (MLP) to an assembly of over one thousand Department employees and family members. Both the Armed Forces Family Appreciation Day and the Military Liaison Program were the vision of Chief Bratton and are a first for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Since the attacks on American freedom on September 11, 2001, many Department employees have answered the call to defend the nation and our way of life. At the height of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, approximately 200 Department employees were called to active military duty. In total, the Department has over 400 employees, sworn and civilian that have a military reserve obligation and are subject to recall to active duty. Each of these dedicated Americans put their professional and personal lives on hold, as they wish their coworkers and loved ones farewell to answer Uncle Sam's Call to Arms.

Many employees and their families have experienced a multitude of military, Departmental and family problems associated with military activation. Until this time, each employee or dependent were on their own as whom to contact and how to deal with their individual problems. Because there was no one Department point of contact to act on behalf of employees, between the military and the Department, the assistance provided in these cases was not consistent. It was for this reason Chief Bratton answered these calls for help and established a permanent Military Liaison Officer (MLO) position in the Ombuds Office.

Recently selected to the position of MLO is P.O. II Dennis DeNoi. Officer DeNoi has seven years with the Department and has held several important positions including two patrol divi-

sions, the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation, Uniformed Support Division, and Continuing Education Division. It was Officer DeNoi's experiences prior to joining the Los Angeles Police Department that



Officer Dennis J. DeNoi

qualifies him for this unique assignment. Officer DeNoi served over 22 years on active duty in the U.S. Marines and held the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). Master Sergeant DeNoi held a multitude of assignments during his illustrious career to include being the Guard Chief of a Marine Detachment on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Independence (CV-62) during the first Gulf War. He also served over seven years as a career planner and as a Casualty Assistance Officer.

When the Department put out the call for a hard-working, dedicated, self-starter, Officer DeNoi answered that call. Effective June 9, 2003, the Military Liaison Officer program was officially open for duty. It was not long before the calls started to come in and the program has already had several success stories. As issues are brought to the Department's attention and solutions are worked out, many will be published in this new monthly column.

The Military Liaison Program is dedicated to providing enhanced quality of life services to Los Angeles Police Department employees and their families who are serving in the United States Armed Forces Reserve. If you, or anyone you know, have any questions regarding this program or need assistance, please call Officer Dennis DeNoi at the Ombuds Office at (213) 473-8871 or e-mail him at 33605@lapd.lacity.com.

Military Liaison Officer Seeks Your Advice

As the first Military Liaison Officer in the Department's history, Officer Dennis DeNoi is seeking the advice of Department employees who have been called to active military duty or have recently returned from military service. The goal of the Military Liaison program is to ease the burden of military service on Department employees and their families. As this ground breaking program is developed, who better to advise the Department than the employees that will benefit from its effects. If you have ideas on how the Department can better handle and support our military service personnel and their families, please contact Officer DeNoi at (213) 473-8871, or e-mail at 33605@lapd.lacity.com. This is a unique employee benefits program and a great opportunity to influence its development.

Tell It to the Military Liaison Officer!

The Military Liaison Program has been on line for just over a month and the situation is well in hand. Within the first few hours of manning my new post, I received the first call for support. It was on behalf of Officer Martin "Jimmy" Carter of Crime Strategies Group. Officer Carter, a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, had been called to active military duty just hours after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America. After approximately two years of National Defense duty, MSgt. Carter desired to return home and resume the duty of protecting and serving his local community. Currently assigned to the 163rd Security Forces Squadron at March Air Force Base, Carter had been stationed not only around the country, but also around the world. Recently, MSgt. Carter was informed that the Air Force would look favorably on an early discharge if he could produce evidence that he had Department orders assigning him to a career enhancing school. With only four hours in the hot seat as the Department's new Military Liaison Officer, I was excited to assist this warrior's return to his family, coworkers, and the Department. As luck would have it, my previous assignment was at Continuing Education Division, who happen to hold the authority to assign P.O. III Carter to Supervisor's School. With one phone call to SMA-I Kathi Moreland, OIC, Training Coordination Unit and P.O. III Eva Logan, the coordinator for the school in question, it was a done deal. In fact, Carter had been on a waiting list for this school pending his release from military service. With orders in hand, the Air Force granted him leave and an early release from active military duty. Welcome back, Carter!

If the aforementioned case wasn't enough of a challenge for my first day's work, the second call for assistance came within minutes of the first. The call was from Mr. Thomas J. Ralph, the father and caretaker of Officer Thomas G. Ralph's personal affairs during his son's military activation. In this case, Officer Ralph, a Staff Sgt. in the U.S. Army, had been overpaid by thousands of dollars and was transferred from one department patrol division to another while serving in Kuwait and Iraq. Mr. Ralph had several issues he wanted

cleared up, which included a full accounting of the overpayment, an exact repayment amount with repayment schedule, and the details surrounding his son's transfer. Armed with a new mission, I made my first of what will be countless journeys into the hallowed halls of Parker Center as the Military Liaison Officer. My first stop was Fiscal Operations Division (FOD) where I met my payroll counterpart, Accounting Clerk-II Tracie Mathis, the Presidential Recall-Military Leave Clerk. As it turned out, all of Officer Ralph's issues stem from one problem. On Christmas Eve, 2002, when Ralph was called to active military duty, there was a long delay in the reporting of his activation to FOD and thus a subsequent carrying him as "paid military leave" (Division 996). This one error created a domino effect with pay issues in that Ralph was receiving full LAPD pay instead of the appropriate differential pay. When a Department employee is activated for military service, they rate 174 hours of "paid military leave" which is full Department pay and allowances. At the end of the "paid military leave" period, the employee then rates "differential pay." "Differential pay" is the amount of money between the employee's gross military pay and the employee's gross Department pay. If the employee's gross military pay is less than their gross Department pay, the Department will make up the difference. To qualify for this benefit, the employee has an obligation to submit a military "Leave and Earnings Statement" (LES) for each month the employee is activated. In the event the employee is temporarily unable to submit an LES due to unforeseen circumstances, that pay period will be held in abeyance until the LES is received at FOD and then the employee will receive their just pay. Then came the issue of his duty assignment. As far as Officer Ralph's transfer, I contacted SPA-II Gloria Grube, OIC, Sworn Personnel Services Section (formally known as Position Control). According to Mrs. Grube, it is their policy not to transfer personnel who are on military leave status (Division 996). When in Division 996 status, the employee is held in their last assignment whenever possible until they return to the Department. If an employee had a "Transfer and/or change in Paygrade" (Form 1.40) in the system prior to being activated, once it reaches the top of a waiting list, the 1.40 would be frozen at the top of that list until the employee returned. In Officer Ralph's case, his 1.40 transfer went through because the system did not reflect his activated military status.

The above two cases are samples of the type of assistance that can be provided through the Military Liaison Program. The sole purpose of this program is to reduce the burden of military service on Department employees and their families by providing a "one call does it all" phone number with a professional Department contact person who will be responsive to their needs. If you or anyone you know has a question or is in need of assistance with issues related to being a member of the Armed Forces Reserve, please contact me at the Ombuds Office, (213) 473-8871, or e-mail me at 33605@lapd.lacity.org.

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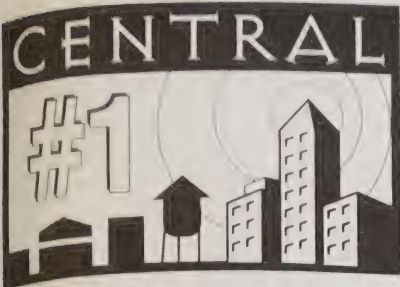
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by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

picnic Date Change

Due to all the special events at Central, we have been forced to once again change the date of Central's annual picnic. This year's picnic will be on Saturday, September 27th, at the Police Academy in Elysian Park from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please be sure to mark your calendar. Tickets will be \$5 for adult and children free to all Central personnel's immediate family. All guest adults or children will be \$5 each. The picnic committee has a need for volunteers who would like to help out with the cooking and the activities with the kids. If you would like to assist at your picnic, please contact **Priscilla Chavez** or **Cathy Susim** in the Problem Solving Unit at 485-6586.

First Annual Charity Motorcycle Event

On Aug. 3, 2003, the Central Police Boosters held the 1st Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride. We had over 130 rid-



Departure at the Police Academy.



Stop in Little Tokyo.

ers and we consider that pretty good for the first year. It was very hot weather and we would like to thank all the bike vendors, LAPD and city booths that braved the hot sun and provided a nice venue for the riders. The festivities included the following bands: **John**

Townsend, Anna Montgomery, and Jake McAllister who performed at the event. The bands were terrific. Everyone commented that they had a great time and wanted me to mention to Senior Lead **Larry Pratt** that the food was the best—delicious. A special thanks goes

out to our comedian, **Fraise Smith**, who was our emcee, and **Al Ramirez**, deejay from ABC Radio station for all his help in helping me put together this event. I personally would like to thank all the volunteers, police officers, booster members, and for all their hard work and effort at the event. To all the riders and participants, we appreciate your support in our youth and crime programs. Next year's ride we hope will be bigger and better. We will work out the bugs and make the 2nd annual event a spectacular one. If you should have any questions or comments regarding the event, please contact **Marie Kardiban** in the Community Relations Office.

Congratulations to **Carlos** and **Leticia Ramirez** on the birth of their



Daniel Carlos Ramirez - born March 25, 2003.

son, **Daniel Carlos Ramirez**, born March 25, 2003, at 7 lbs., 13 oz.

way out West

by Tom Mason
West Valley Division

Get 'em while they're still available—unique West Valley coins are for sale at \$10 each. The proceeds will support the West Valley Area Station Fund. The coins depict a police officer's badge with the number "10" on the front. On the back is artwork with an eagle and encircling the coin are the names of the communities that make up West Valley. Kevin Archer, who, as most everyone knows, is the owner of "Code3products," did the artwork. His business makes superb business cards and other items.

As mentioned in past articles, the babies are arriving monthly. P.O. II **Rina Kelly** delivered a baby boy, **Jace Kelly**, on July 23, 2003. Sgt. II **Melissa Zak** delivered a baby girl, **Cecilia Ann Zak**, on July 16. In the next three months, three more babies are due. Congratulations to the moms and dads.

Congratulations to Lt. **Tom Smart** who was recently promoted to El-tee II as the Officer in Charge of West Valley's

Area's Gang Enforcement Unit. He will be a great leader and will be missed in patrol. The second big promotion was



Sgt. II **Rita Russell**. She finally got those bars and is off to West Los Angeles. She'll blend right in with her pickup truck as she commutes through the west side. Congratulations, Rita. You'll be missed, and take

care of that little found rat you call a pet. If you end up finding a stray on the west side, at least it'll probably have papers.

Cancel the missing! Sgt. **Craig Crosby** has returned to West Valley Area after nearly five years. Craig has been on the lineup on various watches throughout his five-year absence, and so when he came back to work, the reaction has been, "I was wonderful who the heck he was." Welcome back, Craig.

The new Detective reorganization is

in full swing. The detectives are very excited and eager to participate in the new style of police work. The officers are just as excited with the standardized report writing format. It will be nice to work alongside of detectives with their expertise and guidance. This cooperation will hopefully result in putting more bad guys in jail. Now if we can only improve the UOF report.

Sadly we lost a fellow officer—Det. **Abe Barron**—and in the same accident another fellow officer was critically injured—Det. **Andy Teague**, both of Northeast Area. It's at times like these when the support among members of

this Department is truly needed. The men and women of West Valley came through for these two detectives and their families. Sympathy cards and a donation envelope were passed around through roll calls and the detective squad room. The donations raised were matched by West Valley Area Boosters and several hundred dollars were given to each detective's families. The kindness and sympathy expressed by the officers and the detectives of West Valley Area are what is most valuable to families. Thank you to all for your support.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

On July 1st, Van Nuys Employee of the 2nd Quarter honorees were presented with certificates of recognition by the Mid Valley Community Police Council. The honorees were as follows: Sergeant of the Quarter is Sgt. I **Sandy Cline**, Detective of the Quarter is Det. II **Richard Tomkins**, Police Officer of the Quarter is **Scott Moffitt** and Civilian of the Quarter is Management Assistant **Dawn Burton**. Congratulations to all.

The Mid Valley Community Police Council held its 9th Annual Cops and Cowboys Dinner event on July 19th. During the event, attendees enjoyed a country western dinner and participated in a live and silent auction to raise money to benefit the Van Nuys Community Police Station. The event was a huge success.

Military News

Van Nuys Det. **Juan Santa** is in Baghdad and has been there for over two months (but has been gone for over four months). His wife, Barbara, tells us that he is doing very well and it's his hope that he will be leaving Iraq by December. He could be home anytime after the New Year. Juan extends his warmest greetings to all his coworkers, hopes that they are doing well and looks forward to returning to work. Juan, we are incredibly proud of you. Keep up the good work and come home safe and



soon. (Photo shows Juan, **Lozada**, **Nickelson** and **Padgett** going through the desert on the way to Baghdad.) Juan's new address is: SFC Juan C. Santa, 490th CA BN-CPLLC, APO AE 09335.

Van Nuys Division received a United States flag from Iraq signed by the 314th MP Company. The flag was sent from SPC Michael J. Rigney, son of PIII **James D. Rigney**, thanking Van Nuys Division for their support of the troops in Iraq (see photo).



Our deepest sympathies are extended to Det. **Richard Yep** and his family on the death of his father, Jing Yop, who died on July 6, 2003. Funeral services were held at the Wah Wing Sang Funeral Home in Los Angeles on July 11, 2003.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Lt. **Loren Farrell** and the Farrell family for the loss of their son-in-law, Evan Ashcraft. He was killed while defending our country in Iraq. Our very own Van

Nuys volunteer, **Gay Farrell** is the grandmother of Evan's wife. Funeral services were held at the Prince of Peace Church in Woodland Hills on August 2, 2003.

Copper Capers

On July 17, at approximately 1600 hours, Officer **Ingram Rodriguez** was in the station and observed an officer walking with a suspect who was being detained for an unrelated issue. Officer Rodriguez remembered a flyer read off in roll call, notified the officer and located the flyer. It was the suspect, who is wanted for an attempt 187 committed in the Van Nuys area on June 6, 2003. The suspect was then booked on the open bench warrant for attempted murder.

On July 18, Van Nuys day watch officers, plagued with grand theft auto problems, set up a Bait Car Sting Operation. Senior Lead Officers were used for observations and patrol for the arrest teams. Senior Lead Officer **Nate Banry**

parked the bait car, leaving it running in front of a location where GTAs have occurred. The results were two juveniles in custody along with one adult. All three were booked for GTA.

Baby News

Officer **Lorie Gerdes** is pregnant and expecting her second child in February, 2004. Congratulations on the good news!

Corrections

My personal apologies go out to Officer **Kelly Coles** whose name I butchered in a previous *Blue Line* article. Sorry about that. Kelly and Officer **Jason Chappell** are the happy newlyweds.

It was brought to my attention that we overlooked a long overdue and well deserved congratulations to Officer **Alan Weiner** who was reinstated to PIII.

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: PIII **A. Smith**, #33583 (from RED); PII **A. Hernandez**, #36120 (from 77th); PII **B. Nix**, #36126 (from HWD); PII **K. Paschal**, #36128 (from HWD); PI **C. Davis**, #36712 (from TD); PI **D. Hawkins**, #38722 (from TD); PI **K. Snyder**, #36746 (from TD); PI **D. Sykes**, #36749 (from TD); PI **J. Vega**, #36750 (from TD); Clerk Typist **S. Davis** (from HARB).

Leaving: PII **S. Schneider**, #36133 (to RAMP); PII **P. Zalba**, #36136 (to RAMP); PII **J. Collado**, #33222 (upstairs to VB); MA2 **R. Buchak**, #V9493 (to NHWD).



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

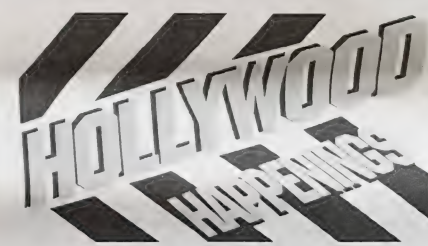
A Fallen American Hero with Ties to Our Station

On July 24, 2003, United States Army Sergeant **Evan Ashcraft**, 24 years of age, was killed in action when his convoy was attacked by gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades near the town of Qayyarah, Iraq. He was one of three brave United States soldiers who were killed during the ambush. Sgt. Ashcraft was the son-in-law of our own Lt. **Loren Farrell**. Lt. Farrell had just been promoted to his new rank and has been a part of the Devonshire family for some time. Lt. Farrell's daughter, **Ashley Ashcraft**, has suffered a great loss.

Sgt. **Evan Ashcraft** was an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division.

A man of immense character and bravery, he had been recommended for a medal for helping rescue two soldiers injured in an attack on a Humvee in April. Sgt. Ashcraft had planned to join the Los Angeles Police Department upon his discharge from the Army in January, 2004. He was motivated to join the Department and was focused on making it to SWAT. In losing Sgt. Ashcraft, the country has lost a brave soldier, his family lost a wonderful son, and his wife lost a great husband, and I believe this Department did not have the privilege and honor of having had such a fine person in its ranks.

A brave warrior lost in war does not go through judgment. He bypassed all the rigors of selection for he has proven his bravery, dedication, duty, honor and courage. A warrior already has faced fear, yet he has not faltered. He has felt loneliness, yet has not been forgotten. A warrior has felt grief, pain, hatred, and anger, yet he does not quit until his mission is done. A warrior is an individual that governments and others send off to far off lands to either liberate or conquer or to help and console. With so many trials and tribulations to face on top of this game called life, no one can question the fact that Sgt. **Evan Ashcraft** is now in God's hands.



by Sgt. Andrew Garcia
Hollywood Division

Goodbye to Our Friend and a Hollywood Station Icon "MAC"

Anyone who has worked Hollywood Division knows our Hollywood Kit room icon, "Mac"! I came to Hollywood in August of 1991. As a young P-2, I figured I would go by the station to pick up a black and white for court. As I walked down the kit room, I asked the kit room officer for a car. Mac replied, "Hey, kid, why do you need a car?" I replied, "Uhh, court?" Old Mac replies, "Nope, go away!" Well, it is easy to figure out that I was pretty steamed! As I walked out to the parking lot to drive my personal vehicle to court, I thought, Oh well, he won't be here forever...Wrong!

Fast forward 11 years. I am wheeled to Hollywood as a sergeant. I walked down to the kit room and saw old "Mac" sitting in the kit room. I go to the counter and say, "Hey, Mac, I need a car to go downtown for court." He looks at me and says, "Hey, kiddo, you made sergeant, huh? Sorry, no car for court." AHHHHH! At least he is consistent!

Seriously, though, Mac has been with the Department for over 35 years. He

made Hollywood his home and has seen many generations of police officers go through his kit room. He always had a smile and pat on the back for the young officers and a lot of jabs at the sergeants, probably because he knew most of us when we were P-1s!

Just like Mac, he did not want a big retirement party. He wanted a small luncheon at the station. He received various awards, and Capt. **Michael Downing** thanked him for his many years of service with the Department.

The next day he came to work, handed out equipment, and at the end of watch he went home like he has done for so many years. Mac, we will miss you! Take care, friend!

A New Member of Our Family

A note was left by P.O. II **Nicholas Lee**. He announced that he and his wife



Catherine had a beautiful baby girl. She was born April 16, 2003, at 1929 hours. 8 lbs., 18-1/2 inches. However, Officer Lee forgot to give me her name. Oops!

No matter, we want to welcome baby girl Lee into our LAPD family! She's a cutie!

Be careful out there!

Winning With West Traffic

by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

We've lost two great supervisors—BCMC Sgt. **Bob Hamilton** bailed back to VTD, and Sgt. **Don Tudor** is off to CED. Good luck in your new assignments and come back and visit!

Milestones

Congratulations to PII **Ardwin Flores** on his recent marriage, and to new dads, Sgt. **Mitch Windsor** and PII



Todd Carpenter. Mitch and Laura are the proud parents of little Mitchell Dylan, born July 16 at 6 lbs., 10 oz. Todd and wife Jenny had a little girl, Melissa Evelyn, on June 23rd, weighing in at 7 lbs., 3 oz. Now that's a heck of a way to get out of the divisional inspection, Todd! Nice planning.

Also welcome back to **Efran Acosta** who has returned to work after his nasty accident a few months ago. Keep up the physical therapy and you'll soon be back out with Joe on the impound team and on the golf course!

Condolences to Sgt. **Cliff Frazier** on the passing of his stepfather.

Memorial Ride

P.O. III **Larry Piesco** passed away on June 16, 2002, due to a tragic off-duty motorcycle accident. He has been greatly missed by all of his coworkers, friends and family. A motorcycle ride in his memory was held on July 19th, which was a great success on a beautiful day (see photo). For those interested, dona-

tions are being accepted for a memorial brick at the American Motorcycle Heritage Museum for only \$20. Contact **Jerry Siel** or **Chris Clark**, WTD, (213) 473-0215.

Sports

A good time was had by all at the annual Manos Arriba Golf Tournament



Sgt. II Leonard Miller, Sgt. I Stephanie Krajchir, Captain Bill Williams, Lt. Joe Peyton.



Adjutant Adriane Ables, Sgt. II Leonard Miller, Sgt. I Cliff Frazier, and ?.

in Palm Springs in June. Lots of money was raised for a local children's center and lots of raffle prizes were won by the participants (well some won more toys than others and failed to share with the rest of us). Thanks go to **Sal Jaramillo** (formerly of WTD) for coordinating the event, newly retired **Skip Masline** and his wife, Charlotte, for keeping the official scores, Det. **Marie Tucker** for being an outstanding hostess at the hospitality suite, P3 **Michelle Nelson** and her mom for handling check-in duties, and all the other volunteers who helped make the event go smoothly.

Another fundraiser golf tournament was held in July at California Country Club, sponsored by the Korean Police Booster Association. Personnel from West Traffic, Wilshire, Rampart, and Uniform Support Division all came together with members of the Korean business community for a great day of golf and a superb prime rib dinner. Congratulations to Sgt. **Kelly Arnett** of Wilshire and P2+2 **Lori Real** of WTD for taking home honors in the women's division. P2+2 **Pete Sanchez** of WTD took home a nice trophy in the men's division. Big thanks to **Mike Davis** of CTSU and **Francis Hur** and **Wan Tak Kim** of the KBPA for making this a great event.

Freeway Therapy

The compressed work schedule is working out nicely for us, and the troops are very happy having a couple of extra days off a year.

PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning and Research Division

H & G's (Hi's and Goodbyes)

I can't keep up with promotions over here. In D.P. 8 we bid farewell to **Joann Stout** who picked up a rocker at Professional Standards Bureau. Joann, you have now officially gone from one of us to one of them. Don't lose your great sense of humor, and remember that not everyone is guilty.

Reina Staats squeaked in under the wire to get a detective spot. Just in time for her daughter's arrival, too. Nice move.

Congratulations to both.

Other Stuff

In an ongoing effort to break away from the humdrum of boring articles chronicling nothing more than the ins and outs, I'd like to give you (the reader) a behind-the-scenes look at the inner sanctum that is PRD-Westside. D.P. 7 was an interesting one. A certain employee (no names, pronouns only) it seems has an affinity for the human body, specif-

ically the gastrointestinal tract and its functions. He purchased a noise machine that—how can I say this nicely—reproduces the sounds of one of the human body's natural processes. Unbeknownst to some, he activated this device throughout the day causing the unsuspecting victims to blush and announce, "It wasn't me." Juvenile perhaps, but hilarious nonetheless. Eventually, the secret was revealed and everyone had a good laugh.

In other news, one of M&O's newest sergeants, **Dino Duran**, is still in denial about becoming a paper-pusher. For those of you that know him, Dino is a hard-charging, tactically sound, experienced grappler, former Metro dog whose background would never in a million years lead him to this paper mill. However, you're here now, Sarge, accept it and embrace it. Look at it this way, this is the SWAT of admin. Work. Excitement here is getting an order published in less than two years. Whoopee! By the way, I've never met anyone who knows as many people as this guy. It takes three

hours just to walk through PAB with him. I guess popularity has a price.

And lastly, for those in the know, mini-putt golfer **Ryan Schatz** scored a 21.

Mysteries Revealed

Did you know that a special order doesn't start out feeling very special? It is only after intense research and numerous rewrites that it becomes that way. After receiving final approval from the Chief himself, this order actually develops feelings of grandeur. So much so, in fact, that it even amends the Department Manual. Now that's special. Think about

it next time you want to "round file" one.

Recruitment Drive

Due to the ongoing promotions around here, there are still positions available for P-3s and Sergeant-Is looking to enhance their careers. With a 4-10 schedule, flexible hours, weekends and holidays off, the job is also very good for those going to school or wanting to spend more time with family and friends. Come by and see us sometime, or call us at (213) 485-2633.

Until next time...C-ya.

More Divisional Reporter on next page



LT sitting through one of Captain Merritt's motivational speeches.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West Los Angeles Division

I thought I'd start things off this month on a humorous note. It had to do with a report filed by a citizen regarding her stolen dog. The follow-up report stated the following, "The victim reported that her puppy was stolen from her apartment. One day after she filed the report she found the puppy stuck in her knee-high boot, thus there was no crime!" (I guess the puppy was just taking a nap.)

In the continuing saga of the revolving doors, **R. Russell** has been promoted as a new lieutenant from West Valley, **B. Pratt** from Southeast has been promoted to Lt. 2, Lt. **J. Eisenberg** will be a new Lt. 2 at Rampart, **C. Dohmen** from 77th will begin his life as a P3 here at West L.A., **Jim Park** has been promoted to P3 and will be heading to Rampart (vas is los?!), and P3 **Mike Wang** will also be going to Rampart. **Julie Fuller** will continue as a P3 at SOSD, P2s **S. Yurochko** will be heading to Wilshire while **B. Goland** will be going to West Valley. **K. Smyres** will be the only rookie from the academy, sooooo, good luck! So, until next time, keep working on those phone-answering techniques. You never know who might be calling.

West L.A. has been known for its never-ending slew of property crimes, not least of which are stolen vehicles and BFMVs. This one, however, comes with a twist. I support you could call it "partners in crime: the water ballerina and the dumpster diver." It seems that these suspects didn't want to be taken easily. After leading officers **Pak** and **Hale** on a wild ride through the early morning hours of West L.A., the suspects abandoned the stolen vehicle they were driving and ran northbound from the area. A perimeter was set up complete with the air unit. The officers received a prowler call where the citizen said it sounded like objects were being moved in the backyard. A pile of clothing was found next to a covered Jacuzzi, clothing similar in description to that of one of the wanted suspects. Officer **Pak** lifted the cover and lo-and-behold the suspect was ballet dancing in the Jacuzzi, wearing only his white tank top, plaid boxers and white socks. The driver of the car was located during a second search which included an area near a trash dumpster. In the past, suspects have tried the old hide-in-the-dumpster trick to avoid being detected. However,

this was not good enough. Officers **Strader** and **Rocha** lifted the lid, observed some fingers, and instructed the person to get out of the trash can. As he exited the dumpster, the suspect spontaneously stated to Officer **Strader**, "I knew you would catch me." It seems to me that if he knew he was going to be caught, he would have picked a better place to hide. The car the suspects were driving turned out to be an unreported stolen out of Palmdale. The suspects were arrested for Grand Theft Auto, felony evading, BFMV, possession of burglary tools and receiving stolen property.



Pamela Mott, Det. secretary, has been here almost a year and has so far managed to avoid being sucked into WLA's Bermuda Triangle.

Officers **Jorge "Towers" Torres** and **Thomas Lee** recently apprehended a "third striker" 459 suspect. The officers responded code-3 from Pacific Palisades to their call in 8A53's area. The incident occurred in the middle of the day as the victims were returning from vacation. They observed a male nonchalantly walking along the pathway at their apartment building carrying items that they recognized as theirs. The suspect took off running when he was questioned about the items so the male victim gave pursuit. The police were called from citizens in West L.A. as well as neighboring Santa Monica where calls came in regarding one male chasing another. The Santa Monica Police Department responded to the area and were able to hold the suspect while awaiting the arrival of the LAPD. Officer **Torres** said that he and Officer **Lee** "completed the mosaic, added the spice, put the pieces together, so to speak." Meanwhile, the suspect tried to convince the detectives that he was out jogging, and also that he was visiting his girlfriend. He was, however, unable to provide an address for this supposed girlfriend. The suspect later told the detectives that he had three rules. Rule number one had to do with the fact that he always exited out the back door because he said that people always enter their front doors when returning home due to their pride. Rule number two was that he would never get caught. He said he would injure or kill someone before he would let himself be caught. Rule number three, as told to Det. **Dave**

Keating, was that he always locked the front door when he left. Oops! Looks like he broke rule number two. I guess rules were made to be broken after all.

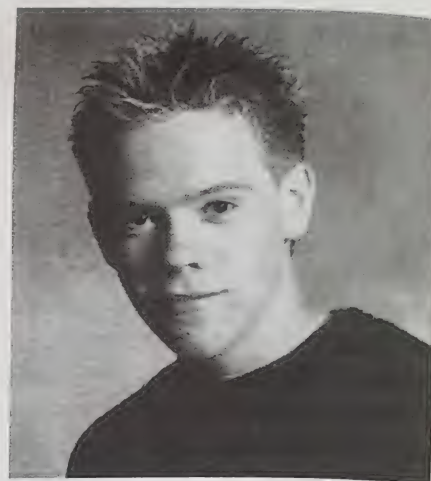
Marie Paneno, a management analyst in the CAD Unit, recently brought some good news to my attention. It had to do with her son, **Matthew**, a high school student from the class of 2004.



Congratulations to West LA Vice Officer **Eric Armstrong** and Southeast Sergeant **Marla Kiley** who exchanged wedding vows on June 29, 2003, in Marina Del Rey.

Matthew was among the 1,500 students from the United States and 45 other countries selected to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in

Washington, D.C. on Congressional Process, Policy and Politics. These outstanding students will have the opportunity to learn in a very unique environment. The eleven day conference will feature several guest speakers including U.S. Secretary of Education **Rod Paige**



Matthew Paneno, son of MA2 **Marie Paneno**.

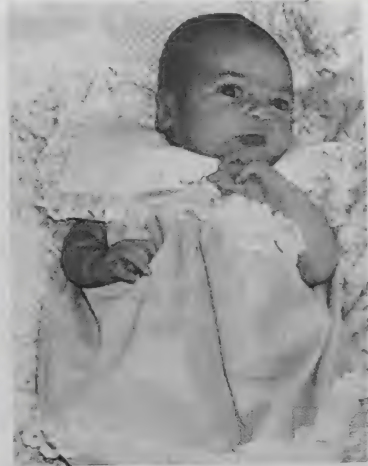
and Supreme Court Justice **David Souter**. Highlights will be provided by officials from the White House and the Pentagon as well as various ambassadors. This should, indeed, prove to be a life-changing experience. Congratulations! Who knows... (After all, President **Matthew Paneno** does have a nice ring to it, doesn't it?)



by Lynn Daisy Hunter
Pacific Division

Our July "Steak Out" at Pacific Mariner's Yacht Club was a slam-bang success. Only a few people jumped into the marina when the barbecue cook got carried away with the charcoal lighter.

Take a look at the Pacific Area family's newest member, **Lauren Taylor Martin**, daughter of Sgt. 1 **Evan** and **Jennifer Martin**, born June 2, 2003, at 8:57 p.m. She was 8 lbs., 14 oz., and 20 inches long. What a beauty!



This month's roastie is too easy. P3 **Kevin Lowe**, you know you had to be a victim. You ask for it—daily. K-Lo, as I affectionately call him here, is just the perfect target. Obviously this picture of him was taken before his head got so big. It is appropriate, however, when you consider the proportion of brain to brawn! Just kidding, **Kevin**. You know I love you.

If you see **Kevin**, the big stud, at the Baja Cantina, just pretend you don't know him. Of course, he's probably worn out the clientele there and moved on to greener pastures.

Kevin's very proud of his physique, but does it do him any good on the job? There was that time K-Lo got beat up



by that elderly man. And now that **Kevin** is assigned to the Pacific front desk, I guess those muscles come in handy when he has to hold up that pencil while writing reports all day long.

Coming in to Pacific are Lt. 1 **Ronald Spicer** (up from Sgt. 2 in ESD), D1 **James Townsend** (up from P3 at 77th), Lt. 2 **Philip Fontanetta** from PSB, and P2 **David**

Stirling from Devonshire.

Those leaving for greener pastures are P2s **Thomas Kimrey** to AD, **Robin Gonzalez** to COMM, **Eric Good** to COMM, **Antonio Melendez** to Devonshire, **Danny Odom** to ND, and **Osmani Baeza** to West Valley. **Luz Marina Glorioso** is going to CCD as a new D2. Congratulations, **Luz**! If you can find time to work around your busy training schedule, they might actually know you've transferred!

Internal uprisings and staying in Pacific are Lt. 2 **John Hone**, D2 **Peter Lopez** ('bout time), and P3 **Jason Ficken**. Congratulations to all of you, too!

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

Labor Day is upon us and summer will soon be history. If we lived on the East Coast that would mean the leaves would begin their yearly explosion of vibrant hues and the weather would turn cool. For those of us living in this desert by the sea, the only vibrant hues ahead are those from sunburns as 90-degree weather continues to sear us until the end of October.

The start of September also brings preparations for LAPRAAC's late-year sports activities and what will be the 50th Sports Awards Dinner. Can't be more than a dozen guys still in uniform who attended the first banquet way back in 1953. The Korean War had just ended, the Lakers were in Minneapolis and the Minor League Los Angeles Angels played in Wrigley Field at 42nd and Avalon.

Norris Poulson was mayor, Bill Parker, chief, and you could still take a streetcar from 4th and Olive to Hollywood or Glendale and from 6th and Main to Watts and Long Beach. The Academy was surrounded by the sleepy community of Chavez Ravine—long before bulldozers tore down bungalows and hills for Dodger Stadium.

Friday, November 21st (the week before Thanksgiving), has been confirmed for the gala celebration. Nominations for a myriad of awards were due a few days ago (August 29), but the committee, headed by Athletic Director **Tony Adler**, has been known to take late submissions. Stragglers can plead their case to Tony by calling (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. We'll have more on plans for this once-in-a-lifetime Golden Anniversary event in our next issue.

Flag Football is Back

Another stab at organizing an LAPD Intradepartmental Flag Football season will be made this fall—starting with a team captains' meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd. Units looking to participate must send a representative to the confab, set for 12 noon in the Elysian Park Academy lounge (above the café). For more information, call the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

CPFG Games on Fox Sports Net

Retired LAPD Athletic Director **Larry Moore** was one of many athletes featured in Fox Sports Net's coverage of the California Police and Fire Games in Sacramento. Moore, who still competes

in water polo and swim events, reports he was his usual glib self but was hoping Fox didn't use the parts where he tripped all over his tongue.

Actor Bill Bochtup, better known for his role as PAA John Irvin in *NYPD Blue*, hosted the broadcast, which was shown in early August. Fox tends to rerun many of its special programs, so watch cable listings for repeat showings in September.

Get Better Soon John

Moore also reports a not-so-funny thing happened to **John Rogers** on his way to the World Police and Fire Games in late July. He didn't make it...

A few days prior to leaving for Barcelona, Spain, fate was unkind to John, and his sow-moving vehicle was rear-ended by a high-speed driver on Hwy. 371 (outside Anza). The impact was tremendous and, to make a tragic story short, John ended up with a broken back. His injury marks the first time in 35 years he has missed representing LAPD in an athletic event (even in retirement), and the World Games to boot!

John is currently on the mend, but it will be an extended recovery period. Get well wishes can be sent to him c/o the LAPD Athletic Director's office at the Elysian Park Academy.

Good Luck Agnes

A tip of the Sports Beat cap and fond adieu to Athletic Department Secretary **Agnes Miranda** who has left the friendly confines of the Academy basement for greener pastures at the corner of 1st and Los Angeles. After serving as Tony Adler's right-hand woman for nearly four years, she has taken a city position

working with R&I (Records and Identification). Agnes' cheery smile and hard work were greatly appreciated, and she will be dearly missed.

Final Innings for Dodgers Tix

The locals have sunk out of sight in the Western Division, meaning there's short lines for Dodger dogs if you take advantage of LAPRAAC's block of reserved level seats for selected games. Ducats (between third and first base) are \$17 on a first come, first served basis, and are sold in the LAPRAAC office at the Elysian Park Academy.

Only six games remain (Sun., 1:10 p.m., others 7:10 p.m. unless noted): Fri. and Sun., Sept. 12 & 14 – San Diego Padres; Tues., Sept. 16 – Arizona Diamondbacks; Fri.-Sun., Sept. 19-21 – San Francisco Giants. For more information, call (323) 221-5222, ext. 202.

We Welcome Your Articles

Planning a sports event or have an upcoming one? Submitting an article for Sports Beat is the best way to get info out to a wide range of active and retired department personnel. To be included we must receive articles—via fax or e-mail—no less than three days before the end of current month: by Sept. 27th for the November issue, Oct. 28th for Dec., etc.

E-mail articles to LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you send notes with a contact name/phone, we can write a story that gets the word out. Photos are welcome—lower-res jpgs are preferred via e-mail (or indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you).

"Seasoned Vets" Repeat as Gold Medallists in Three on Three Hoops

by Milt Hernandez

The department's Master and Senior Three on Three Basketball Teams repeated as gold medallists at the California Police and Fire Games. Both squads practiced hard in the 12 months following last year's games, and they once again dominated the competition.

Playing with only four shooters, the Masters team fought long and hard throughout the tournament to repeat as champs. Three-point shooting and "in your face" defense shut down all comers in their division.

The Seniors cruised through tourney play with impressive wins over the host team and anyone else who got in their way. Teams that faced the LAPD Seniors were constantly praising them for their accurate shooting and ball handling skills. Stand by for domination to continue in these divisions by LAPD teams.



Repeating as gold medalists in 3 on 3 Basketball competition at the California Police and Fire Games were the LAPD Masters Team (Kevin Dunigan, Milt Hernandez, Mike Montgomery and Bob Rivers).

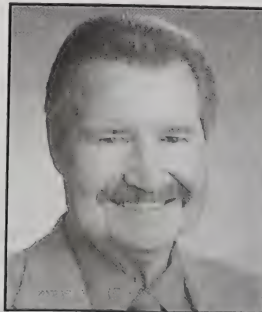


... and the LAPD Seniors Team (Art Sims, Sterling Gordon, Jerome Divinity, Darryl Butler and Ed Palmer).

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LAPD'S First Police Olympics Paintball Medal

by Travis Jones

Believe it or not, paintball was an event in the 2003 Police and Fire Games in Sacramento. Paintball is the fifth most played team sports in the nation. However, it is still a new sport to the Police Olympics. Representing the 2003 LAPD Team was **Travis Jones** and **Chris Borunda** (Southeast Area), **Sam Gong** (Central Area), **Miguel Lopez** and **Mike Ling** (Wilshire Area), and **Manny Hernandez** (Rampart Area).

This year's paintball event was three long, grueling, hot days of 100 plus degree weather. The first two days were qualifying and the third day was the finals. With 31 teams and over 200 paintball players, this tournament was by far one of the largest in the Police Olympics. The 2003 team had a rough start, but by the last game the team put it all together and scored enough points and advancing to the finals.

In the last game of the second day, the team had to win with 92 out of 100 points. That meant the Centurions had to

eliminate all five opponents, pull the flag first, hang the flag on the opposition side, not lose more than two players, and have no "hot" guns. An enormous task to fulfill. However, the team stepped it up and won the game in a



LAPD Paintball Team

landslide.

The Centurions totally eliminated any hopes that Team LawDogz (California Corrections Department, Pleasanton, CA) had to advance into the finals. The

LawDogz' strategy was to pull the flag first (20 points) and they would move on to the finals the next day. A simple mission, however, they were stopped in their tracks by the mighty Centurions.

Both teams entered their starting boxes. The team captains gave their final orders. Tension and anxiety filled the hot air and players anxiously waited for the head referee to call "Game on." The Centurions exited the starting box with flawless precision and pounded the LawDogz relentlessly with a ferocious barrage of paintballs. Sam Gong and

We moved players forward. Manny Hernandez, a front player, moved up quickly while dodging countless paintballs. Travis Jones and Chris Borunda played exceptionally well as back players. They fired well over 600 rounds of paintballs to facilitate our advance. Mike Ling worked the left tapeline and was able to secure a critical bunker. He also laid down tremendous amount of paint and eliminated a key LawDogz. With three of the five players eliminated victory was in sight. The Centurions began to march forward. Travis Jones eliminated the fourth player, while Manny Hernandez took out the last LawDogz. Manny then hung the flag (50 points) to finish the game. The Centurions were victorious and scored 98 out of 100 points, an almost perfect game. The Centurions advanced and medaled in the finals. They brought home the first ever paintball medal.

For additional information concerning our Paintball Team, please log on to lapdpaintball.com.

We strongly urge those that are interested to join us for the 2004 Paintball Season (all skill levels). First practice will be in late September or early October. We are also recruiting female officers for the formation of the first all female police paintball team in the nation. Be a part of history!

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Van Nuys Jeopardy Boxers win Junior Golden Gloves

Elias Ventura (16) and Jesus Rodriguez (13), members of the Van Nuys Jeopardy Program, won the California Junior Golden Gloves during competition on July 3, 2003. Elias Ventura fights in the light heavyweight division (175 lbs.) and after being crowned cham-



Carlos, Anthony, Elias, Jesus R., Jesus C., Omar and Tony.



Elias Ventura, Tony Villasenor and Jesus Rodriguez.

pion received an invitation to fight in New York. During the mid-July matches in New York, Elias pounded out two victories over boxers from Pennsylvania. Jesus Rodriguez fights in the flyweight

division (106 lbs). Jesus defeated a fighter from Palm Springs in his first match and advanced to the finals. Jesus was then matched against a fighter from Maywood who gained a spot in the finals by knocking out two opponents. Jesus beat the Maywood boxer by decision and took the crown. Elias and Jesus are trained by Tony Villasenor and former welterweight world champion Carlos Palomino. Officers Gonzalo Lara and Lisa Vasquez coordinate the Van Nuys Jeopardy Program. Jeopardy is a program offering tutoring, parenting classes and sports programs for at-risk youth.

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Narcotic Officer Defends the Gold in the Police & Fire Olympics – Men's Body Building

P-III Officer **Rick Kellogg** from Narcotics Division - F.E.S. takes another victory for a third time in the 2003 Sacramento Police & Fire Games held on June 15th. After weighing in at a lean 188 lbs., he competed in the Men's Open "light heavy" division.

In the past, Rick participated I the 2000 Ontario and the 2001 San Jose Games where he maintained his 1st place status. However, Rick did not compete last year in the 2002 Orange County event.

After receiving his invitation to compete in the 2003 Sacramento event, Rick began his intense dieting and training. "This time, I wanted to come in as lean with as much definition as possible. I had to stay focused to maintain my regimented diet and workout. I started 16 weeks prior to the contest in order to achieve maximum results."

Rick says that bodybuilding can be very demanding especially on a heavy work schedule. "I chose to compete strictly in the Police & Fire Games because I felt I had a fair shot at the title. Competing in outside events does not

allow me to come close." Rick says the majority of the outside athletes (non police) that compete have less demanding jobs that enable them to prepare a good portion of the day. He knows that his career is his main priority and very proud of having.

"Bodybuilding is competitive, a science, and most importantly a lifestyle," says Rick Kellogg. "I have been consistent with bodybuilding for the past eight years when I was hired on with the Department. Everyone finds a niche at what they do best. I was never an all star athlete, but took a passion for fitness and health."

It seriously began when Kellogg hired a personal fitness instructor (former bodybuilder Rory Leidelmeier) several years ago at a hole-in-the-wall gym in Whittier, who taught him the proper dieting, nutrition, and most importantly the training involved. "The transition was tough, an upcoming contest was approaching and Rory instilled the perseverance and drive."

"My training consists of five to six days a week focusing on two body parts

a day with a maximum of five high protein meals—the diet goes hand in hand." Rick indicated that as the contest closes in, the dieting and training become more intense. All water retention foods containing sodium/salts are omitted in order to gain that exceptional shreddedness. Soon thereafter, absolutely no sweets are allowed! "This is about the time when you become temperamental and moody. My D-III Ron Hodges, aka "the Ronimal," and D-II Graff, along with



the rest of my squad (Ledesma, Tapia, Pozo and Reyes) can attest to this. They were very supportive and patient."

"The objective is symmetry. I've seen many individuals compete with huge arms or big chest with little or no legs." Rick says that balance is the key to so many will not qualify for the top three. The focus is to come in with a total balanced package.

"I try to promote fitness and exercise in the workplace but never impose.

Being a bodybuilder is not the concept, but having some regimented workout or exercise is vital for our line of work. This will definitely pay a positive impact on what I feel is your command presence. Many times suspects and the general public always measure your ability to function out in the field. If you act professional and look professional, you can 'talk your suspects' to jail."

"My advice to everyone is if you are going to work out for 30 to 45 minutes or even an hour, then make it count and keep the socializing to a minimum. I often train with the heaviest weight possible, utilizing strict form. Also, don't be a hater. There are far more positive things to expend that energy on. Even the slightest effort with a workout and diet will achieve a noticeable difference in your physique and feeling proud of yourself, as Sgt. Curtis Woodle once said."

Aside from the bodybuilding, Kellogg is currently assigned to Narcotics Division – Field Enforcement Section as a Narcotic Investigator working Central Division. He is a Narcotic expert in addition to being a certified DRE instructor. Prior to his assignment to F.E.S., he worked the Central Hype Task Force where he enforced many Health and Safety Code violations. Kellogg is also fluent in computers—mainly digital imaging and enhancement. His monster truck also keeps him occupied.

Rick's plans are to continue with Narcotics and promote to a Narcotic Detective.

Pistoliers Hit Target at Calif. Games

by Helen Papietro

LAPD had a good showing in pistol competition at the California Police and Fire Games. **Brian Owen** and **Bryan Dameworth** started the week with a team gold in the biathlon (a grueling running-shooting competition, not an easy one in which to win medals). In addition, Owen took a silver and Dameworth a gold in individual competition.

Police Pistol competition saw LAPD sweep the High Master category with **John Pride** finishing first, **Stefanie Diaz** second, **Paul Shumway** third, and **Bob Barnes** fourth. LAPD also put together two of the top three High Master teams:

Barnes, Lou Salseda, Shumway and **Don Tsunawaki** took the gold, and the team of **Pride, Diaz, Owen,** and **Helen Papietro** won bronze.

In the distinguished matches, High Master category, Shumway and Barnes took the top two spots, respectively, with the semi-auto. In the Master category, semi-auto distinguished, Owen took silver and Papietro captured the bronze.

As always, there was great competition and camaraderie during the games, held June 13-21 in Sacramento. If anyone is interested in participating in Police Pistol competition or the biathlon, please contact yours truly at Newton FES (323-846-6562) or at beagle94@yahoo.com.

More Sports Beat on next page

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SPORTS BEAT

LAPD Captures Many Medals at Round 2 of Fire & Police MX Summer Nite Series

by Kevin Korne

Perris Raceway, host of the Fire & Police Nationals, decided to make things interesting by changing the track around. It now goes in the opposite direction with even more technical and gnarly jumps. The LAPD Motocross Team, however, once again showed it was a force to be reckoned with as it brought home numerous medals while competing against hundreds of competitors.

We'll go ahead and begin with the fast and furious **Rob Cosner** who took first place in the top expert class. The competition got tired of eating dirt from his rear tire. That was the only thing they saw as Rob won all three motos.

Veteran racer **Mike Kilpatrick** won all three of his motos, stunning his competition as he took first place on the podium. He has a new gadget on his bike that allows it to automatically clutch for him. (Mike has more high-tech equipment on that bike than is used by NASA.) We'd be surprised if by next year Mike has some device so he won't have to even steer or brake, just program it and hold on for the ride. Whatever you're doing, Mike, it's working. Don't change anything.

Rock solid **Dan Hadfield** is in the running for the overall point lead in the Novice class. He is a very seasoned and

dedicated rider who races multiple events. Dan, who may not win every race, may end up overall winner as he capitalizes on other riders' mistakes, injuries, or no shows. Good job, Dan, and keep it up.

New members **Mark Clearly** and **Mike Skajem** participated in their first races. The team wants to thank them for coming out and wishes them luck in the races ahead. Race results: Rob Cosner - 4-stroke Expert (1st), 30-39 Expert (4th); **Frank Brien** - 18-29 Novice (5th); **John Ashpaugh** - 40-49 Beginner (2nd); Dan Hadfield - 4-stroke Novice (4th) and 30-39 Novice (5th); Mike Kilpatrick - 4-stroke Intermediate (1st) and 30-39 Intermediate (6th); **Kevin Korne** - 4-stroke Novice (2nd); Mark Clearly - Quad (3rd); Mike Skajem - 50cc (2nd).

The LAPD MX Team managed to finish without sustaining any casualties. Many other teams, however, were not so fortunate as we watched several competitors fall victim to the tough track. One victim was Todd Black (West Covina PD) who we consider to be an honorary LAPD MX Team member. Todd looped his bike on the big triple sustaining a broken ankle. Todd wouldn't allow the doctor to cast the ankle because he claimed it would inhibit his ability to work. We think it's because it might prevent him from riding. Don't worry, Todd, we'll keep that little secret



Dan Hadfield takes the white flag to hold off for his podium finish.



Veteran Mike Kilpatrick going for his first place finish.



This was the view most of the riders get to see of Team Captain Rob Cosner.

tires, Troy Lee Designs, Smith, Hinson Clutch, EVS, 561, RG3, Race Tech and Maxima oils for their support.

Upcoming races are Sept. 6th at Santa Maria Fairgrounds and two days later back at Perris Raceway. We'll begin team practices at LACR beginning in October. Until next time, ride smooth, ride hard, and ride fast.

from your wife.

Once again, the MX Team thanks its sponsors: FME, Acerbis, 909, Maxxis

Fall Bench Press Contest Set October 3

Will it be a "sweet 16" party for 77th Street? That's the question being pondered for the fall bench press contest, scheduled Friday, October 3, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. The Power Pigs will be looking for their 16th straight win, having gone undefeated in every contest since May, 1996.

Southeast gave 77th's band of brawny piglets a run for their money at the Spring competition, coming within 44 points of the department powerhouse (closer than any other team the last six events). If the Power Pigs bring home the bacon, teams coached by Head Boar Paul von Lutzow will have won 20 of the last 21 events.

Applications are available at weigh-in on Thursday, October 2, or by calling (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219. Three locations will be

used for weigh-ins: Devonshire (second trailer in parking lot), 0900-1300; Ahmanson Training Facility (Westchester), 0800-1300; or the Academy Gym, 0800-1500. Team rosters (3 to 40 lifters from the same unit) must be turned in before end of the day—no changes can be made after 1500 and no late registrations are allowed.

Lifters must be full time sworn officers and team members must be assigned to that unit as of the day of the contest. All participants (except retirees) must be dues-current LAPRAAC members. Cost is \$20 per lifter.

For more information, call Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

Sports Awards Nomination Deadline Aug. 29

Individuals interested in submitting fellow athletes for recognition at the 50th Annual Sports Awards have until August 29th to turn in nomination forms.

Awards being given at the dinner, tentatively set for November 21st at the Elysian Park Academy Gym, are:

- Capt. Al Nelson Intradepartmental Athlete(s) of the Year
- Intradepartmental Coach(es) of the Year
- LAPRAAC Trophy (team or individual)
- Chief's Award (team or individual)
- Kenji Taniguchi Citizen(s) of the Year
- Bill Stein Award (for service to LAPRAAC)

- Brass Award
- Bob Pullard Trophy (comeback of the year)
- Male Athlete(s) of the Year
- Female Athlete(s) of the Year
- Open Athlete(s) of the Year
- Senior Athlete(s) of the Year
- Daryl F. Gates Master Athlete(s) of the Year
- Bob Burke All-Sports Trophy
- LAPRAAC Hall of Fame
- Nancy Dyer Sportsman(s) of the Year

Nomination information and forms are available by calling the LAPD Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 221.

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LAPD Wrestlers win top honors at World Games... crown first ever World Champion and three other medallists

by LAPRAAC Staff

Barcelona, Spain (6,000 miles from Los Angeles)—Four LAPD wrestlers tested their skills at the Police & Fire Work Games this July. The event is held every two years and is considered to be the Olympics for police officers and firefighters worldwide. The Centurion Wrestlers joined forces with member's law enforcement wrestlers from Northern California and then Midwest to represent the United States—TEAM USA. The styles of wrestling were consistent with the Olympic games: Greco roman and Freestyle.

In the Greco Roman competition (holds above the waist), Centurion wrestlers won an unprecedented three medals. Greco Roman is the native system of wrestling in Europe.

Greco Roman recap: **Mark Mireles** – Gold; **Patrick Higa** – Silver; **Fernando Mora** – Bronze; **Troy Collins** – Fifth.

Patrick Higa, Devonshire Area, at 132 pounds, wrestled into the finals before

losing to a Czech Republic wrestler. Higa finished as the silver medallist. Fernando Mora wrestled to a third place finish at 163 pounds. Mora, a veteran of two prior Police and Fire Games, won his first medal in an international/world competition. At 211 pounds, West Valley Officer, Mark Mireles won the gold defeating a wrestler from the Czech Republic. Foothill Officer Troy Collins was knocked out of the medal round at Heavyweight and wrestled to a fifth place finish in the Greco Roman tournament.

Freestyle Recap: Mark Mireles – Gold; Pat Higa – Silver; Troy Collins – Bronze; Fernando Mora – top 10.

In Freestyle, Higa advanced to the finals before losing to an Iranian athlete. Higa lost to a 1996 Olympian and 1997 world Freestyle world champion. Mora did not medal, but wrestled in to the top ten. Mireles advanced to the final to face a wrestler from Spain. In the gold medal match, Mireles was leading 3-2 before the Spanish athlete had to injury default. Mireles secured his second gold medal. Collins, in a loaded weight class, lost to



from left to right: Mark Mireles, Pat Higa, Fernando Mora, Troy Collins, sporting hardware after three days of intensive wrestling.

the Iranian in the semi-finals and then wrestled back to the bronze medal match. Collins beat a U.S. wrestler in the bronze medal match.

As always, the tournaments were very tough and the Centurion wrestlers put out tremendous efforts. Both Collins and Mora wrestled with injuries going into the event and wrestled tough, and it was evident they were hurt. Mireles, a two-time National Veterans Freestyle champion and 1980s national Greco place winner, has worked hard over the last two years to improve his finishes in

the 2001 World Games (2001 silver freestyle, bronze Greco Roman). His gold medals are the first in the history of the Department's wrestling program, but surely not to be the last as the team is coming on strong. Additionally, only one other American wrestler won gold medals, R. Hughes, San Jose P.D., 145 pounds. Higa, a four-time high school state champion and college standout, finished with an impressive two silver medals. This was Higa's first World Police and Fire Games.

CENTURION WRESTLING

Centurion Wrestling Club, Higa & Mireles, Crowned National Champions

by F. Mora

LAPD wrestlers **Patrick Higa** (Devonshire Patrol) and **Mark Mireles** (West Valley Patrol) both won and were crowned national champions in Las Vegas, NV. The tournament took place May 7-10, 2003, at the Convention Center and was hosted by U.S.A.

Wrestling. Both athletes competed in the Veterans Division (Masters) Class A.

Higa won both the Greco Roman and Freestyle in three days of intense competition. Mireles lost in the Greco Roman finals (finishing second) but came back strong in freestyle to win the gold. No other teams host two champions.

Centurion Wrestling Post Gold in Sacramento

by F. Mora

Three Centurion wrestlers competed in the two-day wrestling tournament at the Police and Fire Games in Sacramento during the month of June. **Troy Collins**, Foothill Area, was injured in the Greco Roman competition and was unable to continue but placed based on overall

points. **Pat Higa**, Devonshire Area, won the Greco Roman tourney and went up a weight class to face tougher competition in order to prepare for the worlds in Spain. Despite giving up 20 pounds, he finished 2nd losing in the finals in a very back and forth match. **Mark Mireles**, of West Valley Area, won gold in both Freestyle and Greco Roman competition.

LAPD Golf Club News

by Fred Cueto

July Tournament

We held our July LAPD Golf Club Tournament at Rustic Canyon with Devonshire and 77th Street coming out on top. The results:

A-Flight: Devonshire (Jim Antenucci, Erik Solter, Mike Braun and Pat Russell)

B-Flight: 77th Street (Pete Casey, Bill Driver, Greg Garcia and Jesse West)

Individual A-Flight Winner: Justin Mudgett, West L.A.

Individual B-Flight Winner: Greg Garcia, 77th Division

Closest to Pin: #4 – Bill Springer (NE), #8 – David Cueto (VN), #15 – Jerry Camporedondo (ASD), #17 – Damian Gutierrez (VN).

Long Drive: Men – Jesse West (77th); Women – Terry Brinkmeyer (WLA).

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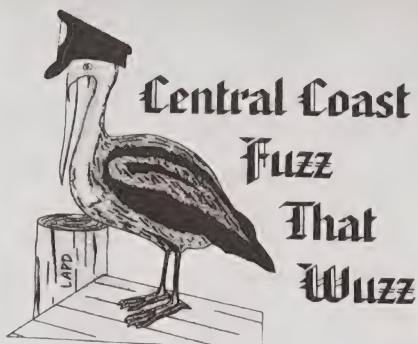
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RETIREMENT NEWS

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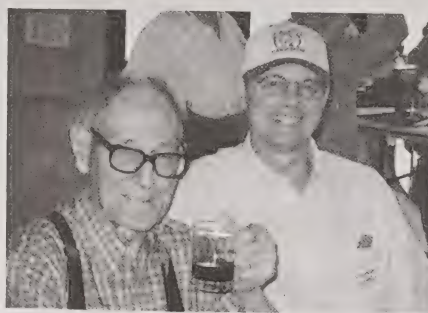


Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

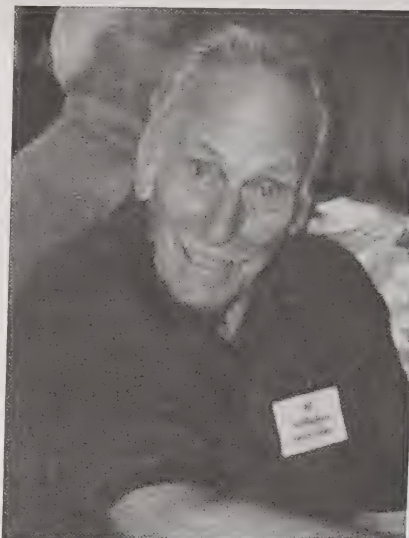
A warm hello from the Fuzz gang here on the Central Coast. Summertime is almost over and the tourists are beginning to return to their home bases. The Mid State Fair held every year in Paso Robles was a wonderful success, drawing more people than ever before. The various classic auto shows held up and down the Central Coast were an overwhelming success, and the beach weather has been great. It's been a busy, fun summer.

Our Fuzz gang is getting ready this month to attend our third event of the year. This is our auction fundraiser which is held in Pismo Beach. This event funds our other events, especially



the Fuzz That Wuzz annual Christmas party held in December at the beautiful Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. This is a super event.

Here are "just the facts, ma'am" (a touch of Joe Friday lingo there).



Date: Thursday, September 18, 2003.
Place: Rosa's Ristorante Italian, 491 Price St., Pismo Beach.

Time: Social hour at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at noon.
Price: \$13 per person.
Menu: Great Italian cuisine.
Note: Each couple or individual brings at least one quality gift that they themselves would like to receive and we will have a fun time auctioning them off to the group. Everyone is welcome, so plan on joining us for a lot of good ol' LAPD camaraderie.

For further information and reservations, contact **Paul & Stella Mattson**, (805) 929-0520 or **Dave & Judy Aikins**, (805) 489-4806. Look forward to seeing you folks there.

Take care and catch us at pismoguyngal@charter.net.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on September 17, 2003, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 26 attending the July 16th luncheon. The following attended: **Frances Davidson**, **Ted Debs** (6808), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Hilliard** (Curly) **Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Mel Glenn** (4355), **John Grogan** (11852), **Michael Habicht** (12532), **Vern Helm** (7163), **Mike Jauregui** (12143), **Tony Loniero** (11411), **Martin Johnson** (6762), **Dean Knouse** (6057), **Lou Mellott** (4037), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Dave Penland** (6820), **Robert Peterson** (16449), **Bob Reaves** (6874), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Duane** (Whitey) **Ryburn** (3981), **J. R. Schiller** (10992), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), and **Ted Spruill** (7737).

There were five new attendees this month and three that had not been here

for quite some time. The new attendees are **Mel Glenn**, **Michael Habicht**, **Vern Helm**, **Tony Loniero**, and **J. R. Schiller**. **Dave Penland** attended before 1986, **Martin Johnson** in June of 1998, and **Bob Reaves** in June of 2001. **Dave Penland** made the trip from Santa Maria and picked up **Martin Johnson** in Carpinteria. **Mel Glenn** drove over from Whittier. **Whitey Ryburn** is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery and had his left arm in a sling. **Dale Rickards** had attended a birthday party for **Joe Berry** and reported he didn't think **Joe** recognized him or many others at the party. **Joe Berry** has Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and has not recognized most people, except some of his immediate family for quite some time.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfa.com. The names appear on the Web site about a month prior to seeing them in the *Blue Line* column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in September, and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the third Wednesday of each month.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

		Event Time/ Social	Meal
September 1-30	Open Enrollment for LAPPL Enhanced Legal Defense Program		
September 3	LA Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
September 8	LAPPL Benefit Golf Tournament @ Porter Valley CC	0830	
September 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
September 11	Keith Lewis	1800	1900
September 13	LaLey Family Picnic	1100	
September 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
September 18	Central Coast Fuzz Luncheon & Auction		
September 26	Jim Ruffner	1730	
September 27	Wine Country BBQ @ Kiser Vineyard	1000	
September 27	LAPPL Raging Waters Family Picnic	1000	

OCTOBER

		Event Time/ Social	Meal
October 1	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
October 2	LAPD Reserves Awards Dinner	1800	
October 9	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
October 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
October 25	Bacon & Scrambled L'eggs Dualathon for LAPD Equestrian Fund	0830	



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Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Thanks for all the nice letters that I received this past month from the Inland Blue Line members, most of them thanking me for keeping the club going for over 20 years. As you recall, I have been trying to find a replacement (a much younger retiree) for my tired, old body. I try to keep in shape, but I let myself go the year Beverly was in the hospital. I never touched a weight. Before that, I used to lift weights and work out five days a week for two hours a day. Now since Beverly passed away, I have never gone back to the gym, and believe me when you slow down, it is hard to get motivated again. My old knees won't let me play golf anymore and also it keeps me from walking two miles a day. It's hell to get old, but I'm thankful that I don't have many medical problems that plague 85- and 86-year-olds today. I'm coming up on 86 in January.

It's nice to hear that some retirees

read my column. I had a call from "Red" Senneff who said he never misses reading my article, and when I wrote about Capt. Bob Perry's medical problems, Red was concerned and asked for Bob's phone number. Red had lost track of his old captain and did not even know Bob's wife Helen had died in I think it was 1990 or '91. As you all know (club members), I never give out the members' phone numbers unless I call you first for an okay. It is good to talk to old friends.

I had a nice letter from Betty Kasper. She explained to me about Irving's prostate cancer. Boy, he went through hell. He was always a healthy outdoor type of person, but when the cancer hits, it is hard to fight it. We all will sure miss Kasper. I've contacted a lot of Kasper's old classmates of the Academy class of March 16, 1949. They all send their best to the Kasper family. Most of our old classmates of March 16, 1949 (what few of us that are left) want to have a 55th reunion. I've mentioned it in my column, but so far I've only heard from

about eight. I have to contact them by letter, I guess.

Well, the Anchor Restaurant has been sold. I'm sorry to see the former owner go. They really treated us like royalty. I don't know what is going to happen to us after January 1, 2004, when he takes over. Well, we will see.

I have scheduled a man who really knows his stuff about taxes, investments, Medicare insurance, all the changes which affect our living trust, etc. I have run out of ideas. In the January meeting I hope to get one of the top tax and investment firms to talk to us. John Doll heard him in Palm Desert and he says the guy knows his stuff and is very interesting. John says he is the best he has ever heard.

We were all saddened by the passing of Bob Hope, but he lived a long time and had a great life. I had the pleasure of knowing Bob Hope personally. I met him in 1941. I managed a gas station in Beverly Hills and lots of big movie stars traded with me. Bob Hope was one swell guy. I also saw him when I was in the South Pacific campaign in World War II. He brought a gang over to entertain the

troops. We lost a real statesman when we lost Bob Hope.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be January 8, 2004. That's the second Wednesday of January. As of now, they tell me there will be no charge until after January 8th, so try and make the meeting if you can, because I will have some important news to tell everyone.

About the dues, there are still some members who have not paid 2002 and 2003 dues. Those who are delinquent prior to January, 2003, will not be receiving the Inland Blue Line Letter and Notice coming out for the January 8th meeting. Well, you'll just have to come and see for yourself what's in store down the road.

Thanks again for all the calls, cards and letters commending me for keeping the club young for these past 20 years.

Remember to buckle up. It's a jungle out there. I intend to be around for a while and I hope you are too. We need you. Well that's it for now, and God bless.

2003 Inland Northwest Blue Line Reunion

by Zygmund Dwyrzhnsky

The 16th Annual Inland Northwest Blue Line Reunion was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on August 2nd at the Elks Lodge. An old fashioned steak and chicken barbecue was enjoyed by over 125 people. This year's committee, headed by Bud Arce, former government employee, did a spectacular job. Gene, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" McCloskey performed magnificently as chief cook and bottle washer. The high-risk assignment of operating the keg was successfully completed by Arno Moyens, much to the surprise of everyone. Richard Shedd, of body part replacement fame, ran the buffet line,

doled out raffle prizes, and ensured there was little impact on global warming. John Zorn again handled the money and has, so far, avoided criminal charges. He also took a number of evidentiary photographs. Our thanks to Jessica Shedd for this year's terrific raffle, Chris Arce and Gail McCloskey for handling shirt and hat sales, Tony Radavich and Diane Rowland for sign preparation. Debbie Moyens and Jan Zorn deserve the medal of valor for working the sign-in desk.

It was great to see so many out-of-area visitors. Clay Searle came from North Carolina; Jim Hardin from Tennessee; Tommy Thomson and Bill Brandt from Arizona; Al Bollinger,

Roy Kautz, Cliff Hodge, Don Scott, Dick Wright, Ron Shoop, Steve Tilden, and Ray Gilmore and Ken Henderson from California; Al Santor and Bob Griffin from Oregon; Bob Manlove and Bill Wilson from Nevada; and Richard Savage from Ohio; Sherman Oakes, John Sack, Sam Tomas, John Puis, John and Sylvia Trundle from Montana who braved the high mountain pass to attend. Our neighbors from Washington included Jeanne Mulford, Ron Layton and Bob Baker was able to ford the river and join us. Marty Hernandez found his way in from Athol, leaving a trail of bread-crumbs for Jim Peasha, Dan Figueroa and Rick Rikalo to follow from Bonner County.

Chris Arce generously, or foolishly in Bud's opinion, donated back the Grand Raffle Prize of \$250 round of golf at the world famous Coeur d'Alene Resort, which was won by Wayne Lacy, who gave it to Dave Daniel, who thankfully did not sing this year. Kent Setty and Bob Hagenbaugh, as usual, hauled in three prizes each. We hope they enjoy their singing hamster and pedicure, respectively.

Our thanks to Carolyn Murphy, Gail Coutts, the Shedd, Zorns, Arces,

Moyens, Patte Bogan, Shay Lewis, Gary Redel, Kent Setty, Mike Hrehor, Werner Krempels, Suzie Wallach and Loretta Robinson for their generous donation of door prizes, all of which were vetted by the Kootenai County Sheriff.

A warm welcome to our newest arrivals, Ruth Hoffman in the full time resident category, and Dick Wright in the warm weather vacation division. Gary Beach, Mike Murphy, Bill Lewis, and Ed Gossett ensured a mostly drug-free event, not counting the Lipitor, Coumadin, Vioxx and the new senility fighting drugs. Former motor cops Al Allison, Henry Lane and Robbie Robinson ensured proper spacing and alignment in the parking lot and were instrumental in preventing Gary Redel from checking VIN numbers. John Vradenburg has located a downed old growth cedar in a spotted owl free zone and has already enlisted Buster Altizer and Steve and Mo Kolb to whittle next year's toothpicks.

Hope to see you at next year's reunion. Mark it down, August 7, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Row 1: Ron Layton, Sherman Oakes, Richard Shedd, Gary Beach, Bob Manlove, Mike Murphy, Tom Thomson, John Sack, Dick Savage, Bud Arce, Robbie Robinson, Bill Wilson, Henry Lane, Ray Gilmore, John Zorn.

Row 2 - seated behind row 1: Gail Coutts, Patte Dean/Grundl/Marvosh/Bova, Jeanne Mulford, Roy Kautz, John Preston, Larry Clark, Bill Anderson, Bill Brandt, Dave Daniel.

Row 3: John Vradenburg, Gary Redel, Rick Rikalo, Mike Hrehor, Gail Garrett, Clay Searle, Kent Setty, Marty Hernandez, Ed Gossett, K. C. McBride, R. E. Griffin, Ken Henderson, Don Scott, Wayne Lacy, Werner Krempels, Sylvia Trundle, Bob Baker, Arno Moyens, Gene McCloskey, John Trundle (behind Moyens).

Back row: Tom Dannenbrink, Jim Hardin, Bob Johansen, Al Santor, Steve Tilden, Sherry Santor, Sherry Peasha, Jim Peasha, Al Allison, Dan Figueroa, Bob Hagenbaugh, Tony Radavich, Al Bollinger, Dick Wright, Cliff Hodge, Mo Kolb, Steve Kolb, Bob David.

Not wanting to be seen: John Puis, Dave Welts, Sam Tomas, Ron Shoop, Buster Altizer, Bill Lewis, Lee Ryan.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

LAPD Picnic & BBQ

September is here. Labor Day has probably passed! Those of you with young ones have probably got the little darlin's back in school. And the rest of us are getting ready to travel or party!! I keep saying 'you don't work all month, and "they" still send you a check in the mail! Was all those morning watches worth it? It is now! Retirement. What a great life!!

And speaking of retirement, an old Academy classmate of mine, **Vic Elliott**, and his wife, **Loretta**, were in SABLAland recently (see photo). Now we go back a long way, class of April, 1957. Vic and I and the highly

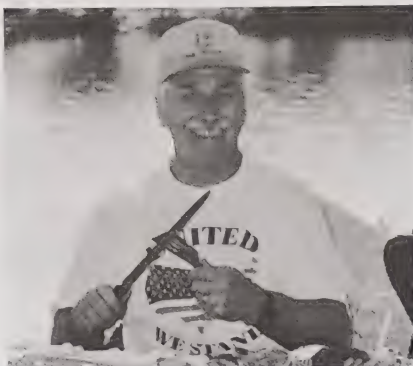


Loretta and Vic Elliott - "The smiles of contented retirement!!"

acclaimed **Chuck Higbie** carpooled to the Academy. We lived fairly close together, and each of us would drive one week at a time. What a time that was! Just down the hill from the Academy, Chuck would always want to stop at a little neighborhood grocery store for a can of beer on the way home. Vic and I would be so tired we couldn't even lift a can to our lips! Vic, who just retired from LAPD after umpteen years, was in town to compete in the California Police/Fire Games. It was hot here during the Games. At press time, I didn't have any results. But knowing Vic's expertise in LAPD trap & skeet shooting, he probably continued to excel and win some more gold!

In July, I told you about **Ed "Fast Eddie" Lewandowski** retiring from the State Lottery Security Division. Well, he went right back to work for the Golden One Credit Union in their security section. There was a "little" gathering up in

them thar hills near Placerville one afternoon (see photo). Ed has been a mainstay in SABLA, having served as chairman more than any other member! Good luck in the new job, Ed. I'll bet in a month or two you could be a guest



Ed Lewandowski - "If you don't like cake, I've got cookies."

speaker for us!

And speaking of guest speakers, our new Chairman, **Carl Kuehn**, has lined up several for all of us to enjoy! So mark your calendars now.

If you missed the August luncheon, then you missed SABLA's very own **Tom Vigen**. Now Tom is younger than some of us...oops, than most of us, but he is still a champion weightlifter. He'll admit he's been around the block a few

times, but remains in excellent physical shape and "destroys" his competition. He loves to compete!

For the meeting this month, we are roving back—one day! We're having a guest speaker, and we had to change to Wednesday, September 10, 2003. So if you come on our regular Thursday meeting date, you'll be a day late!

On that date (Wed., Sept. 10), Carl has arranged for Dr. Harry Khasigian, a noted orthopedic surgeon, to be there. The doc will tell us about the days he played football at USC under Coach John McKay. He attained All-American status and played in three—yes, three—Rose Bowls! He'll give us the inside on how it was to play for Coach McKay. So here it is, just in time for the start of the football season! Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003. Don't forget the date changed!!

In October, we'll be back to the second Thursday of the month, on Oct. 9, 2003. Carl is attempting to secure a

speaker from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Horse Search and Rescue Unit. This unit does receive some search requests that are different than the normal search unit. These guys and gals do their searches on horses! I guess you figured that out, huh?

Our new Chairman, Carl, is doing his best for you. How about coming to the SABLA luncheons and meet and greet these fine folks? You'll enjoy yourself and maybe learn sumpin' too!

Roy Kerton of Elk Grove, and a former SABLA chair, suffered a severe stroke last April 3rd. His wife, **LaDonna**, stated that he was able to come home on the 4th of July. She said, "What an Independence Day for Roy." He is recovering, but does have some lingering problems. You can contact his family at 7800 Wymark Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Phone calls are encouraged at (916) 684-6563. I'm sure that Roy would like to hear from some of his "old buds." A card would be fine, too!

Bob Keel of Carmichael had successful surgery in June for an abdominal aneurysm. Bob said I was about the most painful experience of his life! I'm told he is returning nicely to some normalcy. Give him a call. He'd like to hear from you, too at (916) 487-1580, or e-mail at rkeel@winfirst.com.

Hoy Key wanted me to remind all of you that SABLA dues are due—duh! Fifteen dollars keeps you in the SABLA loop for a whole year. Send \$15 to Hoy, made out to SABLA, and mail to Hoy's new address: 5057 Dreamgarden Loop, Roseville, CA 95747. He just moved up the street! We keep saying that we got to get rid of some of that "junk" in our garages!

The 2003 LAPD Wine Country BBQ is this month, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003! **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** will have "things" ready for all of us! Please see the flyer in this copy of the *Blue Line* for all the details. If you haven't been to one of these recently, you need to go. See everybody!

I've been to most of these barbecues and every year there is always someone there that I haven't seen in years! There is plenty of space to move around and visit, or there's chairs in the shade where you can just sit and drink the best Sonoma wines. There has always been a keg of beer. If you're real pooped, just have someone goin' by fill your cup! Then there is always a horseshoe tournament! We've had some big winners, mostly the Kisers, but we need someone to "take on" the Kisers. Now his son is getting into the act! Them winning all

the time has got to stop.

The food is always good—not good, but great! And plenty of it! New York steak or range chicken, cooked outside on the grill, with charcoal, usually by LAPDer **John Robertson** and his wife, **Lina**. And can they cook! And do they cook!

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At the July SABLA luncheon, it must be noted that **Dennis McDonald** brought a female to the lunch. Come to find out it was **Corki Rochlitz**, #10643! She retired in 1982 from West Traffic Division. Now I'm told she was Dennis' guest, so does that mean Corki did NOT have to pay? That's big news! Is this the beginning of a new romance? Sometimes I feel like I'm writing for the *National Inquirer*! Stay tuned, everybody. I'm sure there will be more, 'cause Corki paid her dues and is now a SABLA member! Welcome aboard, Corki. We appreciate you becoming a new member!

John Lestelle, **Mike Brandt** and **Joe Sandoval** were there in July. Where were you? I don't know if **Chuck Ward** and **Chuck Crawford** were sitting together or not. You know how these ex-motor guys are! And I don't suppose they invited Corki to sit with them. She worked Traffic, but probably NOT Motors.

Art VanCourt, **Bill Wilhelm** and **George Puddy** were there! Where were you?

Well, get ready. The next SABLA luncheon will be on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003 at Friends Restaurant where "Lyndsie" will take care of your menu order. It's at Hwy. 50 and Zinfandel, east of downtown Sacramento, 1130 hours. Bring \$15 for dues! And money for lunch!

In closing, **George Williams** died June 30, 2003, in Dana Point. George was a charter member of SABLA and our first secretary/treasurer. He had an illustrious LAPD career and was retiring from another career at POST here in Sacramento about the time SABLA was formed. Shortly after that, he moved to Dana Point, Calif., to enjoy his retirement years! His wife, **Mary**, can be reached at 23842 Cassandra Bay, Dana Point, Calif. 92629. All of us will miss you, George. God bless and take care of you.

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Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

Here it is September already and time to get warmed up for the Sunday runs at Griffith Park. Our first run is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at 8:00 a.m. behind the Park Rangers Headquarters building. The team captains and support personnel will be there to welcome any new team members.

The monthly Sunday fun runs are just that. Come on out and join the team. We

always have a good time and after the runners complete their run, we retire to the restaurant at the pitch and putt golf course on Los Feliz for a Sunday "brunch."

This past June 8, 2003, our team co-captains participated in the Valley Crest Half Marathon. Both finished 2nd in their respective age groups. **Mel Sandvig** finished in 1:48:13.0 and **Chuck McTaggart** finished in 1:54:08.47. Chuck said it's one of the toughest runs he's participated in. Chuck

said he had the dreaded rubber legs at the end. Fortunately, this race was run prior to the heat and humidity that we've had the last five weeks.

Our support personnel are also getting in shape for the upcoming Sunday fun runs. While out on his regular two-hour bike ride in Agoura, **Terry Wonders** "collided with a cable TV company truck that made a right turn in front of him. Other than the broken shoulder, Terry is fine. His bike, however, is not. Now comes the fun part of trying to collect for his \$2,500 street bicycle. I keep telling him shoes are a lot cheaper!

Remember on your days off request to circle the Oct. 5, 2003. Tentatively our runs are going to be on the first Sunday of the month. November 2, 2003, is the date to set aside for the second run. There is possibly a conflict with the December run as there is the possibility of a 5K and 10K sponsored run in Griffith Park on that date. The date will be firmed up in the November article.

I'll be somewhere between Mississippi and Ohio for the next newsletter. Send some e-mail and I can pick it up for the article. Keep up the exercise program and stay in shape.

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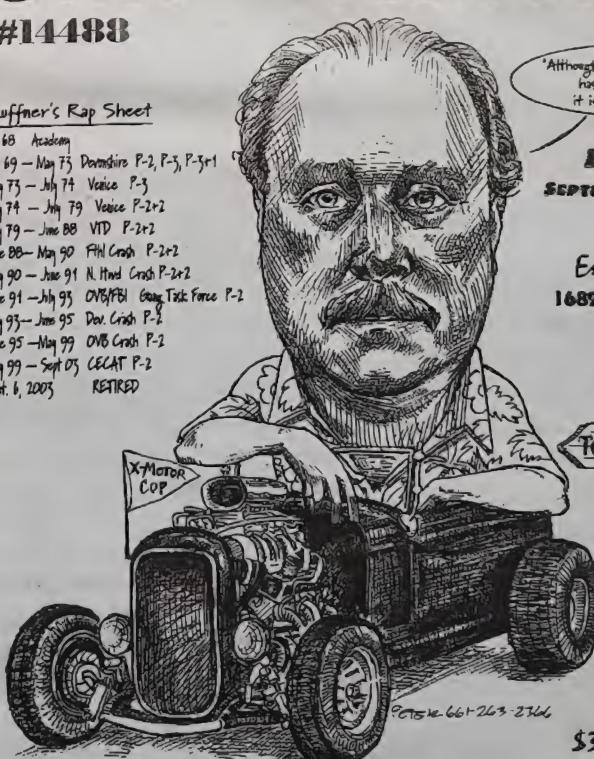
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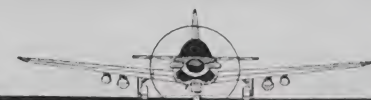
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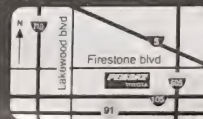
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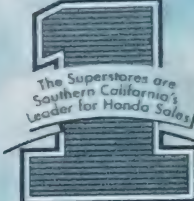
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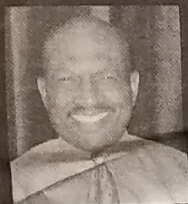
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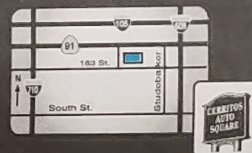
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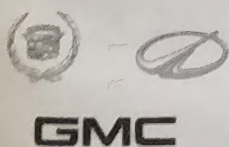
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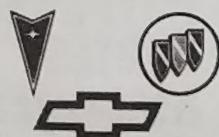
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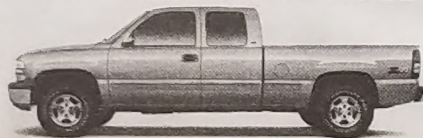
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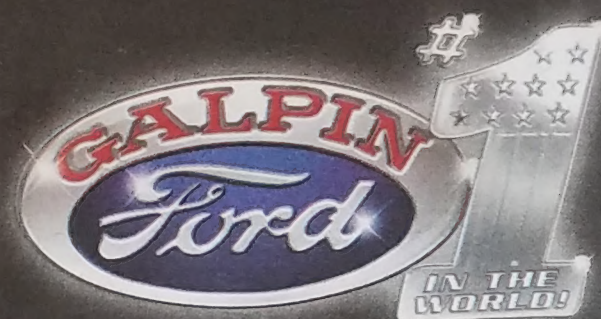


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